

# Narrative Responses

## GENERAL

### Executive Summary

**The Executive Summary is optional, but encouraged. If you choose to complete it, please provide a brief overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that are proposed during the next year.**

This is the fifth year of the City of Tampa's Consolidated Plan. In Fiscal Year 2007 (Program Year 2006), the City of Tampa's Action Plan contains housing, public service, homelessness, housing opportunities for persons with AIDS/HIV, temporary/permanent relocation, and capital projects. These projects are for the low and moderate-income citizens and the aim is to address the Consolidated Plan for local housing and community development needs and goals in order to create viable urban communities. However, this plan reflects the continual decreasing of HUD funding. This can be seen in the number of citizen serviced and housing units planned for FY07 (PY06).

Housing objectives is to increase the supply of safe, decent, affordable housing through the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing housing units and new construction. Also, to promote home ownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households and rental assistance to lower income household. Encourage low and moderate-income first-time homebuyers to utilize HOME funds through publicity of the programs and applicant qualification process. Reduce the occurrence of substandard housing in the private housing stock and remedy code violations on homes occupied by very low, low and moderate-income households. Promote economic opportunities for income-disadvantaged households and economically disadvantaged minority and women owned small businesses. The city will continue to enforce its Fair Housing ordinances to provide protection from housing discrimination for all city residents, and develop methods to facilitate the notification of enforcement agencies whenever discrimination is encountered. The city will provide relocation assistance as required by the Federal Uniform Relocation Act, and emergency relocation assistance to all families or individuals displaced by code enforcement activities to carryout the goal and objectives of this housing plan. These projects include:

- Multi-family Housing Construction:  
Project to serve 30 housing units with \$1,035,000  
- in FY05 160 affordable elderly rental units and 8 partial units completed at a cost of \$563,611.
- On Site Housing Replacement:  
Project to serve 2 housing units with \$150,000  
In-fill housing was completed for two units utilizing FY05 funds.
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, Owner-Occupied Moderate Rehabilitation Program and Targeted Neighborhoods Rehabilitation:  
Projects to serve 63 units with \$1,097,312
- First Time Homebuyer:  
Project to serve 4 households with \$36,900
- Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance:  
Project to serve 2 households with \$100,000

Project served 27 households with \$331,312 of which \$3,624 was HOME funds, \$119,899 ADDI funds and \$207,789 in local match funds.

- CHDO Housing Development:  
Project to serve 2 housing units with \$303,308  
In FY05 the city 5 housing units were constructed and 9 committed for a total of \$300,601.
- Capital Projects – Stairwell and Wood Floor Replacement Projects  
Project to serve 108 housing units with \$64,000
- Public Housing:  
Projects to serve 200 housing units and one facility with \$1,000,000
- Education program:  
Project to serve 50 households with \$60,000
- Temporary/Permanent Relocation:  
Project to service 12 households using \$50,000

Emergency Shelter Program – Work with local social services agencies and non-profit organizations to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Assist and provide Transitional Housing Programs to facilitate the transition of homeless families and individuals to self-sufficiency. Our objective is to serve the homeless, which is also outlined in the Action Plan, our providers this year are:

- Alpha House, Inc.  
With \$73,200 project to serve 100 people, 30 families and 18,300 bed days.
- New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.  
With \$30,000 project to provide 65 homeless with permanent housing.
- Salvation Army, Inc.  
With \$52,685 project to provide 45,625 nights of emergency shelter for up to 101 males and 24 female beds.

The city expended more than \$172,801 for the emergency shelter program.

HOPWA Program – Utilize funding under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS and apply for other state and federal funds that address housing requirements for this special needs population. The objective is being met with the funds allocated to eight service providers:

- Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS) - \$84,000 to operate four single-family homes.
- Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc. - \$830,000 for assistance to 96 households in Pinellas County.
- Catholic Charities, Inc., Christopher Programs - \$206,696 to assist 148 people; Mercy House Programs- \$332,966 to assist 148 people; Tenant-based Rental Assistance - \$434,680, to provide 44 units of housing.
- Francis House, Inc. - \$200,000 to assist 250 HOPWA-eligible persons.
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc. - \$327,241 to assist 20 households and 650 persons.
- Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc. - \$90,000, to assist 9 households and 9 housing units.

- Pasco County Housing Authority - \$178,000, to assist 25 households.
- Tampa Housing Authority - \$76,260, to assist 90 housing units.

The city provided more than \$3,028,000 in FY05 for HOPWA services.

Community Development Block Grant - The city will work with public service providers to fulfill public service needs not met within the city limits by Hillsborough County's Social Service Policy. Non-housing public service objective is being met with these allocations:

- Child Care Services - \$95,856 to assist 910 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$180,834 to assist 2,550
- Youth Services - \$95,602 to assist 495 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$123,034 to assist 895 people
- Handicapped Services - \$65,646 to assist 100 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$107,492 to assist 80 people
- Health Service - \$29,895 to assist 190 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$57,506 to assist 232 people
- Employment Training - \$38,375 to assist 53 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$59,840 to assist 129 people
- Substance Abuse - \$142,023 to assist 3,560 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$227,645 to assist 4,426 people
- Senior Service - \$57,552 to assist 166 people
  - in FY05 the city used \$26,004 to assist 90 people
- Public Service-General - \$8,684 to assist 900 people
  - in FY05 the city did not use this category.

Capital Projects – Schedule and concentrate public infrastructure and supporting facilities and services to improve the quality of existing neighborhoods. These projects consist of:

- Abe Brown Ministries phase II renovation - \$75,000 for two facilities
  - in FY06 working on phase I of renovation for \$75,000
- City-Wide Fencing - \$150,000 for two Parks and Recreation facilities
  - from FY05 plan the city fenced or installed bollards at the East Ybor Park, Capaz Park, Morgan Street Park, and Jim Walters Park for a year-to-date total of \$68,527.
- City-Wide Sidewalks, Street Resurfacing and Traffic Calming - \$254,911 for five facilities
  - in FY05 plan \$1,234,827 was spent in FY06 to resurfaced a large East Tampa area and installed sidewalks mainly in the Sulphur Springs area.
- District III Police Headquarters - \$500,000 for an East Tampa facility
  - this is our third year of funding toward District III Police Headquarters. The project is expected to be completed in the later part of 2007.
- Fence Replacement Project-PAL \$ \$30,000 for one youth center
  - this is a new project for a fence that's being held up by vines and is considered dangerous as well.
- Mary Lee's House Project - \$75,000 for one abused and neglected children facility.
  - also a new project that is needed for the community.

Since this is the fifth year for the City of Tampa's Consolidated Plan, we are given the opportunity to address in the next five year plan the drastic changes that are occurring with

HUD's entitlements. The city will have to be innovative to further maximize the use of funds to the greatest extent possible.

## General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low-income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year.

The City of Tampa is working to strengthen its housing and community development, public service and capital efforts by investing in neighborhoods throughout the City of Tampa with a focus on those places that are economically challenged and in need of support to clean up blighted areas. This will strengthen the community perspectives allowing for the creation of mixed income and diverse neighborhoods. Concentration of federal and state dollars will occur in several areas throughout the city, but will be especially targeted to areas in economic distress and with high concentration of low and moderate income residents. These target areas include East Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, Drew Park, Channelside and Ybor City.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the City of Tampa Racial Population Profile is as follows:

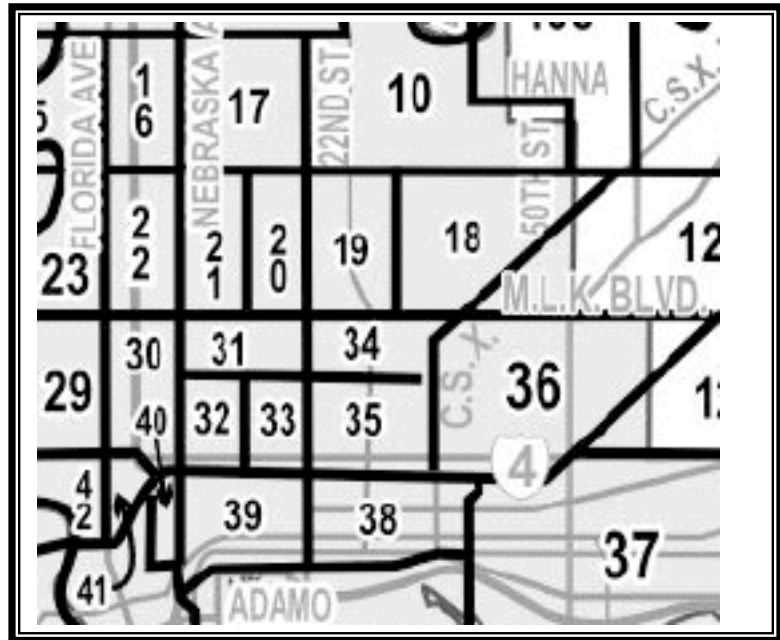
<b>RACE &amp; ETHNICITY City of Tampa 2000 Census Population</b>		
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>	<b>2000 Population Count</b>	<b>% Total Population</b>
White	194,871	64.2%
Black	79,118	26.1%
American Indian	1,155	0.4%
Asian	6,527	2.2%
Pacific Islander	281	0.1%
Other	12,646	4.2%
Persons in 2+ Races	8,849	2.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>303,447</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Hispanic Population</b>	<b>58,522</b>	<b>19.3%</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census. Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, 2003.

The above Table shows that White, Black/African American, Asian and Other race account for nearly 97% of the city's racial population breakdown.

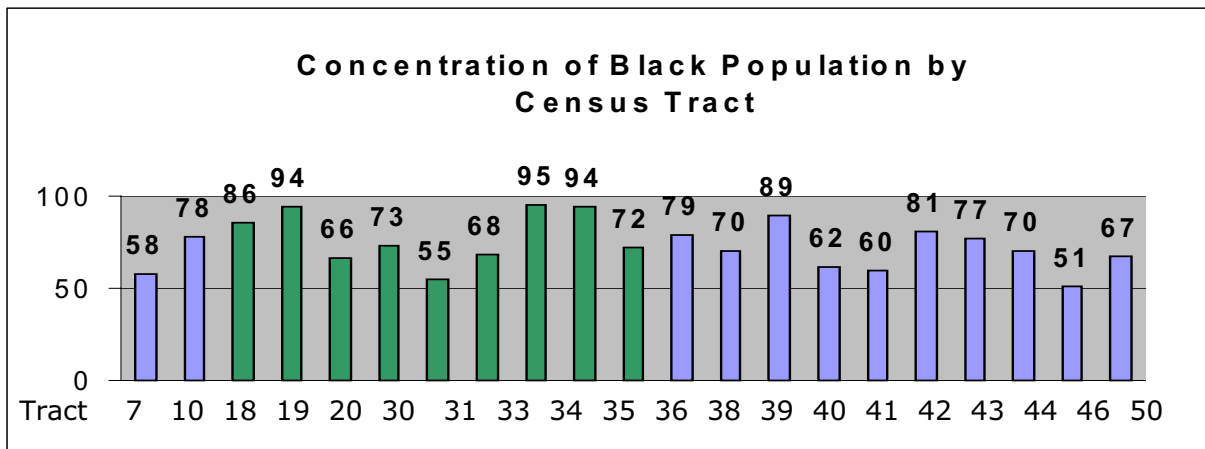
As noted above, the Black/African Americans citizens account for just over 26% of the city's population. Listed below is a breakdown of census tracts showing the concentration of Black/African Americans. This information is based on a table prepared by the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission for Hillsborough County showing Census 2000 Population by Race and Census Tract.

Census Tract	% of Population
007	58%
010	78%
018	86%*
019	94%*
020	66%*
030	73%^
031	55%*
033	68%*
034	95%*
035	94%*
036	72%
038	79%*
039	70%*
040	89%^
041	62%^
042	60%
043	81%
044	77%
046	70%
050	51%
105	67%



2000 U.S. Census Tract Map for the City of Tampa

\*East Tampa  
 ^Tampa Heights



A majority of these census tracts (018, 019, 020, 031, 033, 034, 035, 038, and 039) are in the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Three more census tracts (030, 040, and 041) are in the Tampa Heights Historic Neighborhood. Census tracts 41 and 43 include Housing Authority properties.

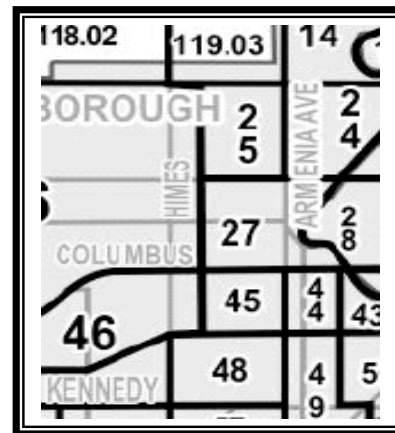
The Asian racial population concentrations include census tract 026 with 7%, tract 070 with 9%, tract 102.06 with 8%, tract 102.07 with 7%, tract 110.08 with 8% and tract 110.11 with 7%. Although there is a concentration of Asian populations in contiguous census tracts these census tracts are high-income areas and are not a focus of community development funds. Census tracts 026 and 070 are not closely related in proximity but each are defined

as high commercial areas along major transportation corridors with sections of pocketed blight in the neighborhoods enveloping the road arterials.

Other race population concentrations include census tract 029 with 10%, tract 032 with 12%, tract 045 with 16% and tract 053 with 16%. Census tract 029 is contiguous to census tract 043 and just north of housing authority property. Tract 032 is within the East Tampa CRA and tract 045 is in the West Tampa area. The last tract 029 is made up of a former cigar factory/worker housing area. Because of the geography, it also includes heavy industry due to the Tampa Port Authority.

From the same census table, defining race by census tract, the Hispanic ethnicity for Tampa shows concentrations in census tracts 025, 027, 032, 045, 048, 053, and 118.02.

Census Tract	% of Population
025	50%
027	65%
045	68%
048	59%
118.02	65%



2000 U.S. Census Tract Map for the City

The West Tampa Neighborhood area has a majority of these census tracts as shown on the map above. Census tracts 025, 027, 045, 048, and 118.02 are within the neighborhood making up a large concentration of the Hispanic population. Hispanic ethnicity is high in Census tract 119.03 with 46% of its population claiming Latino heritage.

**2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.**

The Needs Assessment conducted by the city revealed that the lower-income neighborhoods have the greatest need for improved housing opportunities by both infill development and rehabilitation. Bringing homeownership opportunities to the area will help to stabilize the neighborhoods, by creating cleaner, updated, and revitalized communities this will help foster pride and responsibility. There is also need to stabilize the neighborhoods by investing in the most challenged areas and by providing incentives to economic development enterprises in order to provide job prospects for the residents. Public transportation is available to all of these areas but to be close to work is a benefit to the city as a whole. The concentration of the city’s housing and community development efforts in the lower-income neighborhoods has resulted in the largest portion of assisted clients coming from minority populations.

The city’s affordable housing programs will continue to be tied to the broader objective of revitalizing Tampa’s inner city neighborhoods. The goal is to improve the deteriorating housing stock on a broad front and to provide incentives to stimulate improvements in economic development opportunities, job creation, public safety, transportation, and

recreation activities. Particular attention will be given to homes in East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area. Within the boundaries of this area, efforts are underway to create economic opportunity through new businesses, new job markets, and a new work force.

### City-Wide Affordable Housing Efforts

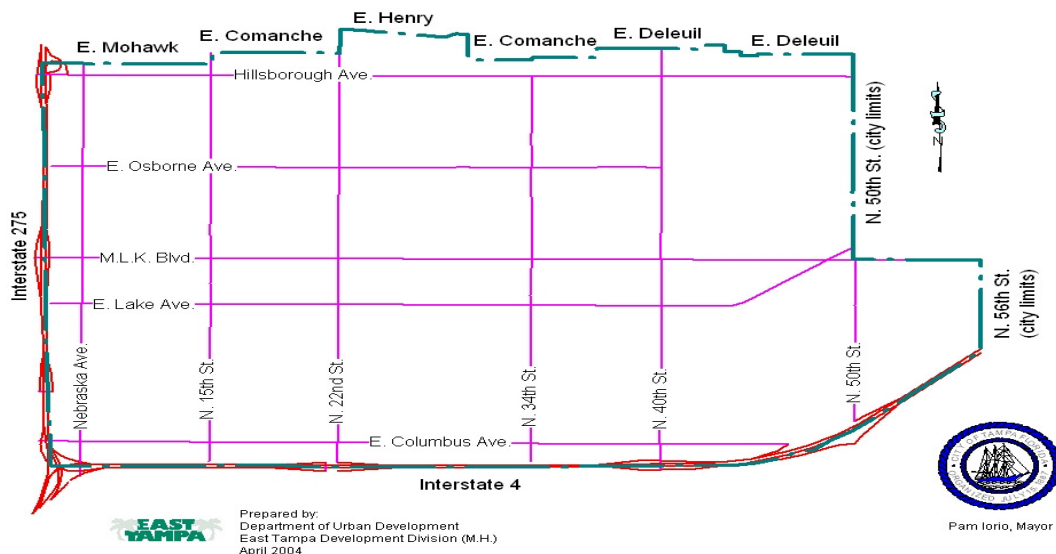
The city will continue to promote affordable home ownership in conjunction with qualified non-profit housing agencies. On a limited basis, where affordable land is available, the city will provide limited development subsidies and construction financing for subdivision projects. The city will also provide down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of deferred payment loans to income-qualified homebuyers purchasing single-family detached homes within the city under the HOME Program and the American Dream Down Payment Initiative. The city will also provide down payment assistance to low- and moderate-income homebuyers to assist with acquisition. The down payment assistance would be provided in conjunction with lender financing allowing lower loan-to-value ratios and lower monthly mortgage payments.

The city's Housing and Community Development Division will use the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME program as the primary funding sources to implement owner occupied rehabilitation. Through this program, the city provides low cost housing repair financing to homeowners who are income qualified. Low and very low-income households receive the highest priority for subsidized rehabilitation work.

### East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area

As part of the city's commitment to improving the quality of life in East Tampa, the Mayor has created the Division of East Tampa Development and Community Lending Programs in April 2003. This program manages the city's efforts to transform East Tampa into a vibrant place to live, work and play. East Tampa is a seven square-mile area generally bounded by Hillsborough Avenue to the north, I-4 to the south, I-275 to the west and the city limits to the east. The Division was charged with the task of establishing the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area ("CRA") and Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") District, under Part III, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*. The legal process for this designation was completed during the summer of 2004.

#### East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area



Since the designation was enacted, the city has begun the implementation of the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan in cooperation with the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership. The East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership is comprised of various east Tampa community leaders, area business leaders, builders, lenders, and residents of the city. The CRA plan was developed through an extensive public participation process. The plan will help to ameliorate the conditions of blight identified in the East Tampa Existing Conditions Report. Plan elements include, but are not limited to:

### **Neighborhood Development**

- Street lighting;
- Rehabilitation of existing housing, the construction of new affordable housing and property assemblage for the construction of new affordable housing;
- Sidewalks;
- Code enforcement and cleaning of illegal dumpsites;
- Parks and Recreation – improvements to existing facilities and new construction;
- Police-related infrastructure – the Tampa Police Department District Three Headquarters and required property; and
- Funding of community events with the approval of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

### **Foundation Development**

- Transportation systems of all types: roadways (22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Nebraska Avenue, Columbus Drive/17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues, Lake Avenue, Osborne Avenue, 34<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street), supplement a HARTline transfer facility, bicycle paths, and other roadway beautification efforts deemed appropriate by the Community Redevelopment Agency;
- Stormwater: study the need for existing retention ponds, beautify/landscape those that are needed and improve the appearance of those necessary to maintain the public safety, and redevelop as usable properties those ponds or portions of ponds that are identified as unnecessary;
- Wastewater capacity for expansion and normal replacement; and
- Potable water safety and capacity for expansion and normal replacement;

### **Economic Development**

- Direct incentives for companies in targeted industries that relocate or expand to a corridor or intersection; pay new hires a wage higher than the average for East Tampa; and act to employ East Tampa's residents to a level determined by the Community Redevelopment Agency. The incentives could be directed toward:
  - Capital-related rehabilitation of existing businesses in corridors or intersections;
  - Capital-related business development loans and grants in corridors or intersections;
  - Property assemblage for the attraction of new or expanding businesses to identified corridors or intersections;
  - Installation of public infrastructure required by a company qualified by the Community Redevelopment Agency to receive such assistance; and
  - Targeted workforce development.

**3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.**

The Action Plan (the plan) identifies the projects the city intends to implement, in partnership with other agencies/institutions, to address the housing and community development needs of underserved citizens. Financial availability remains one of the main obstacles in addressing underserved needs of the area's residents. Minorities continue to experience more rejections for home loans when compared to the general population. Local lending institutions have responded to this underserved need and have significantly increased the number of loans provided to minority applicants.

In addition, the plan will extend to identify projects intended to assist with the removal of barriers currently affecting and being experienced by persons with disabilities in the housing market. The plan will be implemented by outreach and educational activities, not only targeted for people with disabilities, but also will be extended to include housing providers, as well as building and design professionals responsible for the design and construction of new housing. Additionally, the subject of reasonable accommodations and modifications will be covered.

Further, with the increase of the Hispanic population within the city limits of Tampa, the plan will continue to address the problems being encountered by the migrant community and residents who are limited in the English language. For example, the city's Housing and Community Development office is a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency which provides bilingual services to Hispanic, non-English speaking families. The plan will also provide this group with fair housing education where they will learn about their rights under the law, and will obtain guidance for the purpose of directing them to appropriate city services and/or departments with minimal difficulty.

For Fiscal Year 2007(PY2006), the City of Tampa will spend significant appropriations in the General Fund and the Fair Housing Grant in support of fair housing, which includes testing, receiving, investigating and resolving fair housing complaints. The Office of Human Rights employs a director, an executive aide, a supervisor, one (1) office support specialist, one (1) community service representative, and two (2) investigators to enforce the city's Fair Housing Ordinance and the Federal Fair Housing Act.

The city earmarked \$10,000 in FY2006 to conduct a fair housing audit (testing) program. The audit program will lead off in October 2006, beginning with residents and staff being trained by a private fair housing organization contracted for testing services with the city, followed by the actual testing (60 tests), which will be conducted in the areas of race, national origin, familial status, and disability. City staff will coordinate the program.

Should any test indicate a violation, a complaint will be dual-filed with the city and with HUD. The Office of Human Rights will fully process these complaints and move toward appropriate resolution.

The Office of Human Rights will partner with agencies in order to initiate equal and affirmative fair housing marketing strategies in its affordable housing programs. These strategies would be used to make home ownership and rehabilitation opportunities known to members of various minority groups. These marketing strategies have been utilized for a number of years and have been extremely successful in soliciting minority participation in the city's affordable housing program.

These will include the following marketing strategies; some ads will be in Spanish when appropriate.

- a. Print advertisements in local newspapers, and other local and national publications
- b. Participation in talk show and interview programs on minority-owned radio, television stations, and government access television, as well as PSAs on local cable networks and radio stations
- c. Seminars in English and in Spanish will be conducted, and flyers, brochures, souvenirs, and educational materials will be distributed to persons participating
- d. Flyers and bulletin board notices will be distributed at public housing complexes, parks and community centers, to include neighborhood service centers in areas with a high concentration of minorities
- e. Radio advertisement on local minority owned stations will be used to promote fair housing seminars and expositions sponsored by the City of Tampa and partner agencies.

In addition to the advertising and outreach mentioned above, the city will refer potential homebuyers to various organizations which assist first-time home buyers with credit counseling and in obtaining low interest loans and mortgage financing.

The city's Office of Human Rights will sponsor and participate in Fair Housing Month activities each April.

For any HOME activity, including projects that provide for the development or rehabilitation of five or more HOME-assisted units, the city will ensure that the project sponsor or subrecipient will affirmatively market the housing in accordance with 24 CFR 92.351. The mechanism for this assurance will be both contractual and through monitoring efforts.

The city contractually requires each entity to affirmatively market any unit available for sale or lease in a manner to attract homebuyers or renters without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability. The contracts state that the entity will do the following: (a) use the Equal Housing Opportunity logo in all advertising; (b) display a Fair Housing poster in the rental office; (c) where appropriate, advertise, use media, including minority outlets, likely to reach persons least likely to apply for the housing; (d) maintain files of the affirmative marketing activities for five (5) years and provide access thereto to city staff; and (e) verify all information concerning the applicant or household members. This contractual requirement is monitored with both desk reviews and site-visits.

The city also makes specific outreach efforts with regards to minority enterprises. In order to establish and oversee a minority outreach program, the City of Tampa enacted Ordinance 26.5, Women and Minority Business Enterprises and Equal Employment Opportunity. The provisions of this ordinance apply to (1) contracts exceeding \$10,000 when a contractor has fifteen (15) or more employees; and (2) all contracts exceeding \$50,000. The ordinance states that "no applicable contract, under section 26.5-172, shall be executed on behalf of the city unless at least one (1) of the following requirements is met:"

- The contractor can demonstrate his/her workforce reflects local labor pool demographics.
- The contractor can demonstrate good faith efforts to comply with section 26.5-176, and has an existing affirmative action program to be submitted and approved by the director.

- The user department certifies in writing to the director that an emergency exists and no contractor with an applicable workforce that reflects local labor pool demographics or an affirmative action program approved by the director is immediately available.

The ordinance also requires that the contractor agree to comply with the city's equal employment opportunity clause and to include this requirement in all subcontracts. Notice of these requirements is included in any contract/award specifications published, requiring bidders to submit documentation as a part of their bid documents.

## **Managing the Process**

### **1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.**

The Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) and the Budget Office share joint responsibility for plan development. HCD, a division within the Department of Business and Housing Development, is partially funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as well as the Federal HOME program, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. HCD is charged with executing the city's housing and community development programs. The Budget Office is charged with the city's Public Service contracts and coordinates with other city departments such as Parks and Recreation, Stormwater and Public Works to incorporate various aspects of this plan in their capital budgets for eligible projects, as outlined in the city's Citizen Participation Plan. These departments are charged with coordinating with many local partner organizations to provide the assurance the projected performances are being met.

### **2. Identify the significant aspects of the process, by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.**

The City of Tampa's coordination efforts expand between numerous private, public and governmental entities. The city's Citizen Participation Plan input is received from the Neighborhood Block Clubs as "Needs and Recommendations" and through scheduled public hearings. The city incorporates its economic plans in conjunction with the county's Overall Economic Development Program. The Metropolitan Planning Organization is the city's plan for transportation. Other entities involved in the plan are; Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission; Hillsborough County Social Service Agencies (Optimal Continuum of Services); and Tampa Public Housing Authority, neighborhood associations, and Citizen Advisory Committees. Also included are Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Steering Committee; Hillsborough County Affordable Housing staff; County Housing and Community Code Enforcement; HUD Area Coordinator and staff; City of St. Petersburg's Neighborhood Partnership Office; Hillsborough County Elderly Task Force; and Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition.

Various other non-profit housing development and public service organizations are consulted including the Tampa Housing Authority, the COACH Foundation, Inc.; Metropolitan Ministries; Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.; Salvation Army; New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.; The Spring of Tampa Bay; Centre for Women and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, among others.

In implementing the planning process for HOPWA, the following public and private entities were consulted: City of Clearwater; City of St. Petersburg; Florida Department of Children and Families; Florida Department of Health; HARTline; Hernando County Health Department; Hernando County Housing Authority; Hillsborough County Housing and Community Code Enforcement; Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County;

Pasco County Community Development; Pasco County Housing Authority; Persons with AIDS Coalition; Pinellas County Health Department; Pinellas County Human Services; Pinellas County; Ryan White Health Care Council; Tampa Housing Authority; U.S. HUD Office of AIDS Housing; University of South Florida; the Veterans Administration, and all HOPWA-funded Project Sponsors.

In implementing the planning process for ESG program, the city participates as an associate member of the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County. Associate members are “any corporation or governmental entity that provides support for services to the homeless or that is genuinely interested in helping the Coalition attain its purposes and reduce homelessness in Hillsborough County, Florida.” The city also participates in the Homeless Coalition’s Continuum of Care strategic planning and application process, as well as the “Places for People” sub-committee set up to develop transitional and permanent housing for homeless people. Finally, the city works in partnership with Community Action Program staff of Hillsborough County to plan and administer the ESG program.

**3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.**

The city will continue with the plan outlined in 2. above. Also, the city plans to attend more community meetings; encourage more citizens to participate by communicating more efficiently at these meeting. We have had great success when these meetings include question and answer sessions with department heads. Also HCD is combining efforts with Hillsborough County to reach more citizens. The city offers technical assistance workshops which are attended by for-profit and non-profit agencies, including Tampa Housing Authority.

## **Citizen Participation**

**1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.**

The City of Tampa's citizen participation process provides for citizen input at the community-wide level. The structure implemented to effect such participation is detailed below.

The census tracts that comprise the Community Development (CD) eligible areas of the city are diffusely located throughout the city. The city has a block club structure with groups that are geographically linked. There are nine (9) such block clubs each with an elected chairman and co-chairman representing the area residents.

In order to assure the community-wide nature of citizen participation, a task force comprised of the chairman and co-chairman of each block club (a total of eighteen individuals) constitute a Community-wide Citizens Advisory Committee. This Citizen Advisory Committee functions through the City of Tampa’s Human Rights and Community Services division. This division assists them in scheduling meetings and formulating agendas.

The Advisory Committee seeks input of community needs from neighborhoods throughout their Block Club area as well as individual citizens. It is then the responsibility of these eighteen individuals to meet on a regularly scheduled basis and to discuss the various needs of the residents they represent. These needs are prioritized and then discussed with City Council and city officials for consideration and possible implementation. The Advisory Committee is allowed an opportunity to review city department’s recommendations and meet with city operating departments to hear about programs and processes.

Both at the community-wide level and at the neighborhood or block club level, the City of Tampa's citizen participation structure affords accomplishment of the following activities:

- The conduct of open meetings with free access by all citizens;
- The assurance of participation by low- and moderate-income persons, members of minority groups, the elderly, persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons, and any other persons affected by the programs; and
- The provision of continuity of participation throughout various stages of the programs from the development of the Proposed Plan through the review of program performance.

The city provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages in the development of the community needs, and may include the review of proposed activities, substantial amendments, and program performance. Hearings are held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual participants, and with accommodations for those with disabilities and non-English speaking residents.

**2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.**

**Media Inquiry:**

None at this time.

**Private Citizen:**

None at this time.

**President of Citizen Advisory Committee at Public Hearing:**

Stated we are pretty pleased with the city-wide requests responses. We feel the process for CDBG has improved greatly as far as the city-wide request the last couple of years. Speaking from neighborhood requests, I think the neighborhoods are quite happy with the way things are going. I would like to congratulate and thank City Council. I appeared in March 2006 with some concerns about 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Chelsea Street (Southeast Seminole Heights) about traffic problems. I had never seen a stop sign appear so fast in my life. I do see some positive things going on with CDBG funds and I remember a couple of years ago being up here being very, very frustrated but things have changed. He addressed the six city-wide requests listed below:

**City-wide Needs and Recommendations:**

1. Trash and Debris- Stated pleased to receive notice it is being addressed and it sounds like it's going to be a worthwhile endeavor, which will involve neighborhood associations.
2. CPTED and Lighting- It appears that CPTED is well on its way to get lighting upgraded throughout the city. Concern was the dark areas of the neighborhoods that were left out. They have come up with a plan of how to address it. It's not as fast as the neighborhoods were hoping. We were hoping to have it in process.
3. Solid Waste Rangers- He was unsure of the response received. It doesn't say anything about reestablishing the rangers and not sure if it went to the right person or it should go to Tampa Police Department.
4. Transportation Task Force- Received notice sometime back there was concern about availability of city staff to support another task force that may parallel the work being done by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). If the CAC is an existing committee

we'll be more than happy to work with them. We would just like to know more information about it so we can get involved with that.

5. East Tampa Solid Waste Disposal Site- Additional solid waste residential disposal site, it sounds like that's well on its way. It's go-go-go. They are waiting right now for negotiations with the property owners, apparently that is well on its way.
6. Nebraska Avenue Signature Lighting- Explained that all the neighbors along Nebraska Avenue are quite upset about the fact that that project, could be delayed, it's over budget and those kinds of issues. We are going to continue to request this item. The part about the underground utilities, we knew that was kind of pie in the sky, and I realize that is cost prohibitive but we are glad Verizon is proceeding along with that.

### **Council/Audience Participation at Public Hearing:**

Councilwoman Linda Saul-Sena-Advised that the Solid Waste Ranger issue is being addressed. There is a prototype which consist of two detectives in East Tampa CRA area that is funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars. Dependent upon how successful the program is will determine if it will be expanded.

Addressed the Transportation Task Force concern; stated she would speak to Roy LaMotte, Public Work's Transportation Manager and Shannon Edge, Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations, for the creation of a task force.

Representative from Community Tampa Bay-Stated we were disappointed with the city's decision not to fund the program and that she does believe deeply in the program which would focus on adjusting social issues in the East Tampa area by using youth as leaders in social change projects. However, did review the organizations that were selected for funding and was happy to see that youth funding was provided.

Councilman John Dingfelder- Commended Mr. Stefan and all the staff that worked hard on CDBG program. Stated we have gone a long way in the last couple of years. We all remember a few years ago when everybody was upset, and the meeting was rather rowdy. He thinks it speaks highly to the city and to staff in terms of the process. And the process that the city is using now, obviously, is working.

### **3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.**

The City of Tampa strongly encourages citizen participation by holding public hearings and having technical assistance meetings prior to grant applications of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESGP funds. The city also notifies the public by advertising in newspapers of general circulation, special publications, Government Access TV announcements and the Internet for the targeted audiences requesting citizen involvement in the Action Plan process. The city's Housing and Community Development Division and the Budget Office consult with other general units of local government in the preparation of the Action Plan. The Housing and Community Development Division and the Budget Office in conjunction with the other governmental entities, citizens, and not-for-profit organizations will continue networking and trying to assess what our residents need and how best to meet those needs.

The city announces in a local Spanish newspaper public hearing dates, call for requests for proposals, and summaries of funding for HUD grants. The city's neighborhood liaison and disability coordinator assimilates this HUD information to ensure further citizen participation of more minorities and non-English speaking citizens.

**4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.**

\*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

None at this time.

## **Institutional Structure**

**1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.**

The Action Plan continues to be carried out through a combination of public, private and non-profit organizations. Housing and community development needs are developed from citizen committees, from public and private providers of community services, and from needs assessments that have been accomplished by a county-wide committee of citizens, businessmen, government representatives and social service organizations.

The Tampa City Council conducts public hearings pertaining to the needs for services and allocation of resources. The city's first public hearing for Program Year 2006 (FY2007) was held in City Council Chambers March 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m., the second public hearing will be held July 27, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. The Council approves the broad application of grant funds for various purposes agreed to in the Action Plan.

As mentioned previously, the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) and the Budget Office share joint responsibility for plan development. HCD, a division within the Department of Business and Housing Development, is partially funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as well as the Federal HOME program, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. HCD is charged with executing the city's housing and community development programs. The Budget Office is charged with the city's Public Service contracts and coordinates with other city departments such as Parks and Recreation, Stormwater and Public Works to incorporate various aspects of this plan in their capital budgets for eligible projects, as outlined in the city's Citizen Participation Plan. These departments are charged with coordinating with many local partner organizations to provide the assurance the projected performances are being met.

The Mayor has continued the city's commitment to the renewal of the inner city and her goal of making East Tampa a strategic focus priority. Her administration is the driving force behind Tampa's production of affordable housing. The East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership is made up of community leaders, banks, credit unions, businesses, and non-profits agencies. The non-profits provide the bridge to Tampa's local communities and its grass roots citizens who might not take advantage of homeownership.

The city's housing and community development programs are integrated with those of the State of Florida through the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance Agency. Tampa is one of five Florida cities that are part of the State Urban Partnership Initiative for Economic Development. The cooperation with the state enhances the institutional structure for the delivery of affordable housing and economic expansion.

The SHIP program provides flexibility for local governments to determine which housing initiative would best serve their own communities and designs a program to meet those needs. With the federal programs emphasizing the development of local partnerships and matching

commitments, the annual allocation of SHIP dollars allows the city maximum leverage of those federal funds, providing greater flexibility in the housing program delivery.

The Tampa Housing Authority (THA) develops and maintains Tampa's public housing. A five-member Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the city's mayor governs THA. However, the city has no direct ability to exercise any oversight responsibility. The THA Board of Directors appoints THA's managers. The Board of Directors approves the operating budget and amendments to the budget. The city does not exercise influence in the THA management or operations. It does not approve THA budgets, and does not provide or collect major revenues of THA. However, the city does contribute a portion of the city's entitlement allocation to THA and, throughout the plan, descriptions are given on how the city is involved in addressing housing and community needs in conjunction with THA.

## Monitoring

### **1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.**

As an entitlement community, the City of Tampa receives funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are used to implement four federal programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships Program; Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

The three primary objectives of the city's grant monitoring program are to:

1. Determine and report on the extent to which local, state, and federally funded sub-recipients have developed systems to comply with fund-source requirements;
2. Conduct site visits and in-office desk reviews to confirm that documentation has been maintained to demonstrate compliance with applicable regulations and with individual contracts; and
3. Implement a monitoring program in such a way that the outcome is the improvement of the city's sub-recipients' programs.

Program monitoring activities by the City of Tampa Housing and Community Development Division and the Budget Office involve both desk reviews and on-site visits. Areas of review include, but are not limited to: management procedures; goal establishment and achievement; record keeping; financial status; environmental reviews; construction and labor standards (if applicable); procurement procedures; and public service impact. The city's monitoring procedures cover the following:

- Identify the monitoring workload and through risk analysis, select projects that should be monitored and create schedule of ongoing program monitoring
- Inform/obtain data from property owners/managers/sub-recipients/project sponsors
- Conduct desk reviews of selected projects
- Perform windshield survey of the subject property, if applicable, and assess the condition to see if on-site review is needed
- Examine on-site files and inspect subject property, if applicable
- Re-evaluate program agreements and amend, if necessary

- Create an information package of responsibilities and obligations for property owners/managers/sub-recipients/project sponsors
- Create Monitor Report and update project files on monitoring activities
- If applicable, follow up on performance of corrective actions by property owners/managers/sub-recipients/project sponsors

Other monitoring requirements include:

- Audit requirements are included in all contracts
- Sub-recipients are required to submit annual audit reports for those receiving \$500,000 or more of total federal awards
- Periodic review by the city's Internal Audit Department and annual review by external auditors of grant propriety
- Annual on-site inspections of Public Services sub-recipients
- Block Club Captains and the President perform periodic interviews with public service providers

In order to ensure long-term compliance with housing codes, monitoring staff will annually inspect multi-family rental housing units that are constructed using HOME funds. Additionally, the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division partners with the city's Code Enforcement Division Diversion Program to assist homeowners who have code violations. The Diversion Program provides income-eligible code violators with financial assistance to bring their property up to code through HCD's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Part of the federal grants management and review process includes use of the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). All CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA funded projects can be reviewed individually or collectively in report format to track program performance and rates of fund source obligations and expenditures. Accounting schedules are updated as payments/reimbursements are processed to ensure timely draw down of funds and verify reimbursement of all disbursements against contractual purchase orders. These accounting schedules are reconciled with the city's General Ledger and IDIS. Monthly reconciliation reports of reimbursement requests, along with two levels of approvals, ensure the city is monitoring each sub-recipient provider in house before payments are authorized.

IDIS is updated every quarter with statistical information. Checklists are included in each provider's folder for verification of contractual requirements. Under the CDBG and HOME programs, each project undergoes client verification, property eligibility, inspection, and approval before a draw. In addition, the city conducts a closeout procedure upon the completion of each individual activity. This closeout undertaking involves the reconciliation of expenses with loan and grant amounts, reporting completion data in IDIS and conducting case file review for compliance with federal, state and local requirements. In addition, IDIS reports are downloaded and spreadsheet-tracking reports are updated, at least on a monthly basis to ensure accuracy of IDIS information and proper reimbursement of HUD funds.

After the first quarter of the current program year, the city begins reviewing the expenditure timeliness report accessible in IDIS. A contract assessment is performed to determine outstanding obligations; contracts in progress, and reimbursement requests past due. Based on these results, necessary adjustments are put in place in order to accomplish timeliness of expenditures.

In addition to monitoring subrecipients and the information entered into IDIS, the City of Tampa will continue to monitor its overall progress towards the successful completion of its five-year goals and objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan. This includes both project and program monitoring. As a part of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) process, the city will review the goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan and examine what has been accomplished to date. This review will enable the city to determine which goals should be addressed in the following action plan. This approach will ensure that five-year goals and objectives are achieved.

The city has increased its' monitoring capacity by re-assigning two other staff members to the task. The addition of staff and the continued focus on staff training will result in the city's improved performance in monitoring existing programs as well as the expansion of the programs that are offered.

## **Lead-based Paint**

### **1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families.**

The city recognizes that lead-based paint hazards are a very serious problem. The city has developed and implemented procedures and standards to ensure that the Housing and Community Development Division complies with the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. These procedures and standards also help to increase awareness of the danger, and support efforts by other agencies to increase the public awareness about the threat of lead poisoning. The policy also provides information on preventive actions to reduce lead poisoning to the general public, especially children.

The Housing and Community Development Division engages in a number of home ownership and rehabilitation assistance initiatives throughout the City of Tampa, typically targeted to the low income areas that have a higher percentage of older housing. The projects receiving assistance from these initiatives may receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Using these funds requires that projects be subject to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulation "Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance."

The goal for the City of Tampa is to ensure the compliance with Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 for all projects funded by federal programs. The Housing and Community Development has implemented the following:

- Established procedures for evaluating whether a lead hazard may be present at Rehabilitation and/or First-Time Homebuyer project site(s) accepting assistance from the federal government;
- Established procedures for the proper control or elimination of any such lead hazard; and
- Established procedures for notifying future occupants of the lead hazard that had been found, and of the actions subsequently taken to remedy the hazard.

According to these procedures, visual assessment and paint testing will be conducted on the potential project sites involving residential structures erected prior to January 1, 1978.

- Residential property receiving a federal subsidy that is associated with the property, rather than with the occupants (project-based assistance);
- Residential property occupied by a family, with a child below the age of seven (7), that receive a federal subsidy;
- Multifamily residential property for which federal mortgage insurance is being sought; and
- Residential property receiving federal assistance for rehabilitation/renovation, reducing homelessness, and other special needs.

Staff or contracted inspectors shall conduct the visual assessment of the premises and submit paint sample(s) from defective surfaces and/or surfaces to be disturbed or replaced for testing, to ascertain any possible lead-based paint hazard.

Visual assessments may be performed by staff personnel or may be completed by a certified paint inspector and/or certified risk assessor external to Housing and Community Development. A certified inspector and/or assessor must perform the paint test(s). Certification requires the successful completion of appropriate EPA-recognized courses.

### **Paint Test – Negative**

If the paint test(s) for a subject pre-1978 rehabilitation/renovation project site proves to be lead negative, less than 5,000 parts per million or 0.5% by weight, rehabilitation and renovation may continue without regard to the requirements of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, except for the disclosure and notice requirements as follows:

- Provision of EPA pamphlet to occupant(s) of pre-1978 site. The pamphlet can be viewed online: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/leapame.pdf>
- Even though paint test(s) negative, provision of a disclosure that the residence was constructed before January 1, 1978, and therefore a possibility of lead-based paint on the premises
- Copies of any disclosure(s) should be maintained by Housing and Community Development for a period of no fewer than three (3) years.

### **Paint Test – Positive**

If the paint test(s) for a subject pre-1978 rehabilitation/renovation project site prove to be lead positive, greater than 5,000 parts per million or 0.5% by weight, detailed procedures, depending upon project type, level of expenditure, and degree of hazard, have been prescribed by HUD in 24 CFR part 35, subpart J, for the proper management and treatment of project sites subject to the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 as follows:

#### **I. Property Receiving Less Than or Equal to \$5,000.00 in Federal Assistance Per Unit**

- Provision of EPA pamphlet to occupant(s) of site
- Safe work practices must be observed for all rehabilitation activities, and paint disturbed during the rehabilitation/renovation must be repaired
- Provide a disclosure of any information regarding known lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards, including copies of any records and/or reports

- Provide, for signature, a Lead Warning Statement on any contract(s) concerning the subject property
- Records and copies of any disclosure(s) should be maintained by Housing and Community Development Division for a minimum period of three (3) years.

**II. Property Receiving More Than \$5,000 and up to \$25,000 in Federal Assistance Per Unit**

- Provision of EPA pamphlet to occupant(s) of site
- Paint testing of surfaces to be disturbed by rehabilitation work
- Conduct Risk Assessment of structure to check for presence of lead-based-paint hazards, including a visual assessment of dust, soil, and paint and a written report of the results
- Any lead-based paint hazards found during risk assessment must be controlled using interim controls or abatement methods
- Safe work practices must be observed for all rehabilitation activities, and paint disturbed during the rehabilitation/renovation must be repaired
- Provide a disclosure of any information regarding known lead-based paint or lead-based-paint hazards, including copies of any records and/or reports
- Provide, for signature, a Lead Warning Statement on any contract(s) concerning the subject property
- Records and copies of any disclosure(s) should be maintained by Housing and Community Development Division for a minimum period of three (3) years.

**III. Property Receiving More Than \$25,000.00 in Federal Assistance Per Unit**

- Provision of EPA pamphlet to occupant(s) of site
- Paint testing of surfaces to be disturbed by rehabilitation work
- Conduct Risk Assessment of structure to check for presence of lead-based paint hazards, including a visual assessment of dust, soil and paint and a written report. May assume that hazards are present, forego testing and assessment, and conduct standard abatement treatments
- Any lead-based paint hazards found in units and common areas must be controlled using abatement methods. Hazards on exterior surfaces that are not disturbed during rehabilitation must be controlled using interim controls or abatement methods
- Safe work practices must be observed for all rehabilitation activities, and paint disturbed during the rehabilitation/renovation must be repaired
- Provide a disclosure of any information regarding known lead-based paint or lead-based-paint hazards, including copies of any records and/or reports
- Provide, for signature, a Lead Warning Statement on any contract(s) concerning the subject property
- Records and copies of any disclosure(s) should be maintained by Housing and Community Development Division for a minimum period of three (3) years.

The City of Tampa has prepared a chart summarizing the qualifications necessary for the lead-certified personnel that will be involved in lead hazard evaluation and reduction at contaminated project sites. Until such time as a vendor-list of certified lead contractors is

available through the Purchasing Department, a database of such contractors may be accessed through HUD at the following internet address: <http://www.leadlisting.org>.

### Clearance

Once lead-based paint hazard reduction work is complete, a clearance examination must be performed by a certified professional to ensure that no lead-based paint hazards remain. For rehabilitation assistance less than \$5,000 per unit, clearance examination is only required of the work site. For rehabilitation assistance between \$5,000 and \$25,000, a clearance review is required on hazard found during the risk assessment. For rehabilitation assistance more than \$25,000, clearance is required for the structure, common areas, and exterior areas where rehabilitation took place.

## HOUSING

### Specific Housing Objectives

**1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.**

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Increase the supply of safe, decent, affordable housing through the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing housing units and new construction. Also, to promote home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and rental assistance to lower income households.

	Activity	No.	Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Dream Down Payment Initiative: Provides for financial assistance towards the purchase of single family housing by low-income families who are first time homebuyers. \$36,900</li> </ul>	13	4 Households	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHDO Housing Development: Provides financial assistance for infill new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation undertaken in partnership with CHDO organizations. \$303,463</li> </ul>	12	2 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HOME Administration: Staff costs associated with program delivery of the HOME program. \$237,308</li> </ul>	21A		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance: Provides down payment assistance for income-qualified households to purchase housing as first-time homebuyers. \$100,000</li> </ul>	13	2 Households	LMH

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homebuyer Education and Counseling: Provides for a homebuyer education and counseling program that will be jointly funded and administered by Hillsborough County government. \$60,000</li> </ul>	05R	50 Households	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing and Community Development: Provides for program delivery of Housing Services to support implementation of Housing Rehabilitation Assistance program. \$1,386,256</li> </ul>	14H	1 Housing Unit	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-Family Housing Construction: Provides for financial assistance for the development of multi-family affordable housing for income qualified households. \$1,035,000</li> </ul>	12	30 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-Site Housing Replacement: Provides for the demolition, removal of rubble, and replacement of an owner-occupied housing structure that is beyond repair. \$150,000</li> </ul>	12	2 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation: Perform housing rehabilitation on owner-occupied units located in the City of Tampa. \$478,204</li> </ul>	14A	9 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owner-Occupied Moderate Rehabilitation Program: Provides for minor home repairs to homes owned by low- to moderate-income elderly residents of the City of Tampa. This program helps elderly residents of Tampa to live independently in their homes as long as they can safely do so. \$419,108</li> </ul>	14A	34 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stairwell Replacement Project: Provides for the replacement of staircases for Friendship Palms, a supportive housing complex that serves low-income adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses. \$21,000</li> </ul>	14B	12 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted Neighborhoods Rehabilitation: Perform housing rehabilitation on owner-occupied housing units located in the East Tampa and West Tampa neighborhoods. \$200,000</li> </ul>	14A	20 Housing Units	LMH

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THA – J. L. Young and Mary Bethune Renovations: Provides financial assistance to the Tampa Housing Authority for rehabilitation of housing units. Located at 8220 N. Florida Avenue and 1515 W. Union Street. \$500,000</li> </ul>	14C	200 Housing Units	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THA – Oaks at Riverview: Provides financial assistance to the Tampa Housing Authority to revitalize public housing in conjunction with the HOPE VI Program at Oaks at Riverview. \$500,000</li> </ul>	14C	1 Facility	LMH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood Floor Replacement Project: This project provides for the replacement of the hardwood floors in The Home, a facility that provides housing and nursing care to 96 poor and marginalized, underserved, and uninsured elderly. \$43,000</li> </ul>	14B	96 Housing Units	LMH

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Provide relocation assistance as required by the Federal Uniform Relocation Act, and emergency relocation assistance to all families or individuals displaced by code enforcement activities to carryout the Goals and Objectives of this Housing Plan.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary / Permanent Relocation: Provides for relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons including emergency, temporary and permanent relocation. \$50,000</li> </ul>	08	12 Households	LMH
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**2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.**

**A. Federal Resources**

For the Program Year 2006 beginning October 1, 2006 (Fiscal 2007), the City of Tampa’s Action Plan uses four Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs to address immediate needs:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b></li> </ul>			
Entitlement XXXI		\$3,838,684	
Program Income		1,000,000	
Reprogrammed Income		<u>1,115,885</u>	
			\$5,954,569
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HOME Investment Partnerships Program</b></li> </ul>			
Entitlement		2,023,083	
Program Income		350,000	

Reprogrammed Income	<u>350,000</u>	2,723,083
• <b>American Dream Down Payment Initiative - FY06</b>		36,900
• <b>Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)</b> Entitlement		164,090
• <b>Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)</b> Entitlement	2,542,000	
Reprogrammed Income	<u>947,743</u>	
		<u>3,489,743</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$12,368,385</b>

**Federal Entitlement Programs**

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is the oldest program provided by HUD, having started in 1974. It is a formula-based annual program used to create viable urban communities via decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities. This program benefits those that meet a national objective of low and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and urgent need. Seventy percent of expenditures, less administration, must be used to benefit low and moderate-income persons.
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program is a flexible program established as Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act in 1990. The program’s wide range of affordable housing activities is used to expand the supply of decent housing for low to very low-income families, help renters, and provide for housing acquisition, rehabilitation, assistance to first-time homebuyers or existing homeowners.
- The American Dream Down Payment Act (Title I), approved December 16, 2003 (ADDI statute), established a separate formula under the HOME Program by which Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates funds to states that are participating jurisdictions under the HOME Program. The purpose of the ADDI is to make down payment assistance available to low-income families who are first-time homebuyers.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) funding is authorized by Title VIII, Subtitle D of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. It provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low and moderate-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA funds are allocated to Tampa to provide services throughout the Tampa Metropolitan Statistical Area, including Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties.
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding is authorized under Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Funds provide assistance to the homeless population through the support of emergency shelters, transitional housing and essential basic services. Funds may also be used for the construction of shelters, operation, and maintenance costs of shelters and grant administration.

**B. Other Resources**

**Local Match:**

Federal funds (CDBG) are also used to provide local match for Title XX funds and for Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Developmental Training Services Funds. The combination of these funds maximizes the number of clients served by public service agencies.

Under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, provider agencies are required to match an amount equal to the amount of emergency shelter funds provided by the city. These local agencies matching funds are typically available through other grants, local donations, and contributions such as the United Way.

The State of Florida has become a national leader in the provision of affordable housing by creating the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP). The SHIP program is funded by a document stamp tax on all real estate transactions within the State. The revenue is collected by the State, and is distributed back to the local jurisdictions as a funding source for affordable housing. The City of Tampa anticipates it will receive approximately \$3,017,880 in SHIP funding for PY06.

As an entitlement community, the city participates in a number of federal housing programs and automatically receives funding on an annual basis. Each one of the federal programs is unique and operates under specific regulations that set terms and conditions as to the application and implementation of each program. Specifically, a number of programs require municipalities to match the federal funds received with other local resources to leverage the impact of those programs. The advantage here in Florida is that the SHIP program provides local municipalities with a non-federal source of funds to use as matching funds.

The city uses SHIP funds to satisfy the local matching requirement in Federal housing assistance programs such as the HOME program. HOME funds are used for moderate and substantial rehabilitation of single and multi-unit housing, for acquisition and construction of single family housing and for certain authorized soft costs associated with these activities. Additionally, SHIP funds generally will be used as leverage to expand the impact of other housing funding sources.

The HOME program operates on the premise that the provision of affordable housing is the responsibility of all levels of government. Matching funds are the local government's contribution to the HOME program. Local matching funds and HOME funds must be expended concurrently. The match obligation is satisfied with one or more of the following:

- Cash from a non-federal source
- Funds spent on administration of the HOME program
- Value of waived taxes, fees, or charges
- Value of land or real property
- Cost of infrastructure improvements associated with HOME dollars
- SHIP funds

**Additional Other Resources:**

Community Investment Tax (CIT) five year renewal occurred this past June. In it are plans for part of the bond issue to cover some parks and recreation facilities in the city's low and moderate-income areas. These facilities are:

- Cyrus Green Pool
- Springhill Park-Community Center (Sulphur Springs)
- Wellswood Ball Park Lighting

In addition to the bonds which will cover the larger projects, CIT funds will be used to implement the mayor's "Commitment to the Basics". In this commitment are centers, parks and aquatics facilities that will receive renovations, improvements, new signage, fencing, bollards, gates, ADA repairs, park security, new athletic courts and fields, ancillary and playground equipment, surfacing, landscaping, restroom renovations, trails and shelters. These facilities/parks are:

- Angus Goss Pool
- Desoto Park
- Fair Oaks Center/Playground
- Riverfront Park
- Tampa Heights Greenway
- Martin Luther King Recreation Complex
- Copeland Park
- Temple Crest Center/Playground
- Jackson Heights Center
- Kid Mason Center
- Oak Park Center/Playground
- Springhill Playground
- Tampa Park Plaza, and
- Williams Park Pool

The city Police Department's Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (2006) was approved for \$376,066. The funds will be used to reduce crime in the city. This grant will purchase equipment, technology and training, thus improving the quality of life to its citizens.

Another Police Department's Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (2006) was approved for \$159,998. The funds will be used for overtime to reduce crime in public housing.

The city uses a Fair Housing Assistance Program Agreement (for \$72,638) to investigate housing discrimination complaints occurring within the city limits. This work is accomplished by helping HUD process complaints under the Fair Housing Act.

Fair Employment Practices/EEOC Grant (\$59,860) – the United States EEOC refers to the City of Tampa Office of Human Rights employment discrimination complaints that are filed with the EEOC within the jurisdiction of the City of Tampa. The office investigates and resolves contracted charges of employment discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and disability. EEOC provides funding for mandatory policy training to City Human Rights and assigned Legal staff, and when appropriate appoints officials to serve on the Human Rights Board. It is important to note that the city receives funding from EEOC because the City of Tampa's Human Rights Ordinance is substantially equivalent to applicable Federal law (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

## **Needs of Public Housing**

- 1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.**

The Tampa Housing Authority (THA) is the primary provider of the public housing units and subsidized housing programs. It is a separate legal entity controlled by a Board of Commissioners charged with the responsibility of helping to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing to the low-income segment of population. Rents are on a sliding scale based on family size and total family income. While conventional housing (approximately 5,000 units) still predominates, THA's housing inventory has expanded to include Section 23 (leased), Section 8 existing, housing vouchers, and Section 8 new construction.

The Tampa Housing Authority was approved for a HOPE VI grant for the Oaks at Riverview Estates. Under the HOPE VI grant, the older, dilapidated complex was demolished and is now being redeveloped with mixed-use housing. The result of this innovative project is the blending of households of various income levels in single-family homes for ownership and rental units for both elderly and family residents. Subsidized housing on the existing site and the surrounding community is a part of the replacement housing. The vision includes a community with commercial as well as residential opportunities throughout the area, expanding beyond and eliminating the present boundaries of public housing. This blending is spawning new development throughout the area giving new life to this now depressed area. During Program Year 2006, the City of Tampa is providing \$500,000 in CDBG funds to assist the Tampa Housing Authority in the HOPE VI Service Area.

The City of Tampa continues to assist the Housing Authority with public housing modernization funds. In the coming program year, \$500,000 of CDBG fund is being allocated for the J. L. Young and Mary Bethune, elderly residential hi-rise facilities renovations. The city will work with THA to maintain these facilities, reduce the number of substandard units and reduce the average length of residency, breaking the dependency cycle.

THA residents have initiated a number of programs that have been undertaken in cooperation with the housing authority.

- a. Resident Enterprise Assistance Program (REAP), is designed to assist interested housing residents with owning and operating their own businesses. Long-term program objectives prepare the resident for mainstreamed employment, increased household income, and home ownership. Toward that end, Project REAP provides professional case management and accounting services on-site at its business office located in West Tampa near North Boulevard Homes. REAP offers a comprehensive nine month training program curriculum which focuses on professional manner, self-esteem, customer service, accounting and tax laws for self-employment, legal aspects of business ownership, business planning and marketing strategy.
- b. Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS) is designed to assist public housing residents in becoming economically independent. In order to assist in the accomplishment of this goal, the FSS program embraces the entire family as its service client. The caseworker works very closely with the family members to guide them beginning with some very basic steps to eventual independence. This process is very time consuming and somewhat intimate. The case manager in the FSS program often becomes the participating family friend, confidant, cheering section, and guide to economic independence.

Services offered at the FSS Resource Center include youth programs such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and intergenerational programs which try to instill a nurturing bond with older residents. Self help classes include domestic relationships, self-

esteem, and parenting. Education classes include GED classes and "Monthly Topics" which discuss a variety of issues chosen by the participants. Job search efforts include the job referral service, a computer lab, resume service, and job interview preparation.

- c. Youth Sports and Cultural Development Program (YSCP) is a collaborative effort between THA and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, All Sports, Inc., Girl Scouts of America, the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department, the University of South Florida, the Martial Arts Center, 4-H Cooperative Extension, and the Tampa Police Department. The program is a coordinated system of sports activities, drug and violence education and prevention, and cultural development for THA youth.

- 2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.**

The City of Tampa's Public Housing is not designated "troubled".

## **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

- 1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.**

The City of Tampa is addressing barriers to affordable housing on three distinct levels: actions to remove public policy barriers, financial barriers, and discrimination barriers.

### **A. Public Policy Barriers**

The city continues to work to remove the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as tax policies, impact fees, land use regulations, zoning laws, building codes, fees and growth limits.

One of the goals of the city's administration is to improve the business climate in Tampa. This means more than developing a marketing plan to attract new investment. It entails examining the way the city currently interacts with business and development process and streamlining the city's system of permitting and development review processes. Several years ago, a Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) conducted a review of all city codes, policies, procedures, and technical manuals. The purpose was to streamline the process in order to eliminate duplication, over-regulation, and unnecessary policies. The DRAC Committee uncovered numerous disincentives towards revitalization. These disincentives included:

- Suburban codes in urban areas
- Overlying jurisdictions
- Inconsistent codes and regulations
- Multiple reviews of identical issues
- Development thresholds in one area triggering more requirements in other areas
- Inconsistent development requirements between city departments
- Escalating fees increasing project and development costs
- Tax base decline while regulation escalates at both the local and state level

The committee's review process has resulted in numerous administrative changes that have improved the permitting and development review process. One of the more significant improvements has been the reorganization of permitting and development review staff and their central location at the Construction Services Center (CSC). This has improved coordination between divisions in the building and site review process and reduced the contact points previously required of contractors and developers. Because of the Mayor's Strategic Focus initiatives, the city conducts an annual review and assessment of the service delivery system at the CSC to ensure permit review efficiency.

Other enhancements instituted at the Construction Service Center include a 24-hour turn around time on most permits and a 24-hour Phone-in-Express permitting service available for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Roofing permits (85% of all permits issued). Contractors no longer have to travel to the CSC; they can leave messages or fax in their requests. A one-time review process has been instituted, allowing plan reviewers to examine compliance with the applicable federal, state and local codes simultaneously, and indicates the necessary corrections directly on the plans as submitted. The plans are then "conditionally approved," pending corrections being made to the plans prior to construction taking place, thus eliminating repeat submittals. This process is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Also, at the Construction Services Center, a new Customer Service Work Area has been established for Tampa residents and contractors to use. It offers a telephone bank for multiple person use, fax machine, calculators, information displays, message boards, minor typing services and computer use, and a large worktable. A customer service representative is there to greet the public and assist customers seeking permit instruction.

## **B. Financial Barriers**

Financial barriers to affordable housing exist as the result of the inability of many homeowners, renters, and homebuyers to obtain credit financing and to meet down payment requirements. These problems are tied to lower-than-average income, excessive debt, deficient credit history, a disproportionate share of income required for housing expenses, and insufficient savings for down payment. During Program Year 2006, the City of Tampa will continue to use a variety of federal, state and locally designed programs to overcome these financial barriers.

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Tampa receives an annual allocation of Federal CDBG and HOME funds. These funds enable the city to undertake a wide range of housing and community development activities. The CDBG allocation is primarily used for activities that are designed to enhance neighborhood revitalization and stimulate economic development within areas where low- to moderate-income households are concentrated.

The HOME program was designed as a partnership program between government agencies and those entities in the for-profit and non-profit sectors that build, own, manage, finance, and support low-income housing initiatives. These other agencies are instrumental in providing additional staff and financial resources for project development and implementation.

The American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI), signed into law in December of 2003, is a federal grant administered by HUD as a part of the HOME Program. The purpose of this program is to assist potential homeowners in the dream of owning their own home with a focus on first time, low income, and minority households.

The State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) was established by the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992, which created a funding source for state and local affordable housing efforts in the State of Florida. The SHIP program contributes two primary benefits to the city's affordable housing efforts. One benefit is an additional source of non-federal financial resources allowing a greater number of applicants for housing assistance to be helped. Secondly, the SHIP program allows direct homeownership assistance to families up to 120% of the area median income. This higher threshold allows assistance to moderate-income households, expanding the number of clients served and allowing the income diversification of housing projects.

The Florida Housing Finance Agency administers the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program which provides first, second, or other subordinated mortgage loans or loan guarantees to sponsors, including for-profit, non-profit, and public entities to provide housing affordable to very low-income persons. Program funds are distributed in a manner that meets the need and demand for very low-income housing throughout the state. Applicants may use tax-exempt financing for the first mortgage when at least 20 percent of the units in the project are set aside for persons or families who have incomes meeting the income eligibility requirements of the United State Housing Act of 1937, as amended. An alternative provision allows the applicant to use taxable financing for the first mortgage if at least 20 percent of the units in the project are set aside for persons or families having incomes below 50 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is higher, adjusted by the agency for family size.

The Florida Housing Finance Agency additionally administers the Housing Tax Credit (HTC) allocations for the State of Florida. The HTC program was created in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and was intended to increase the supply of rental units for low-income families by using tax benefits to induce equity investment to buy, build, or rehabilitate such housing. The amount of credits awarded by the Florida Housing Finance Agency to projects is partly determined by calculating a percentage of the project's acquisition and rehabilitation costs. The credit award can vary depending on whether subsidized, or below-market rate financing or tax-exempt bonds are used for project development. Other considerations, such as the availability of unused credit allocations, will determine the amount of credit ultimately awarded to a given project.

During Program Year 2005, the State of Florida passed numerous revisions to its affordable housing programs. One provision that was included requires each county or municipality to prepare an inventory list of all real property held in fee simple within its jurisdiction no later than July 1, 2007. The legislation further states that properties that are identified as appropriate for affordable housing may be offered for sale and the proceeds may be used to (1) purchase land for the development of affordable housing; (2) increase the local government fund earmarked for affordable housing; (3) sell with a restriction that requires the development of the property as permanent affordable housing; or (4) donate to a nonprofit housing organization for the construction of permanent affordable housing. During Program Year 2006, the city will comply with requirement of preparing an inventory list and establish a policy that will implement this provision.

During Program Year 2006, the city will utilize federal, state, and local funds as an instrument to reduce financial barriers to affordable housing through the following activities:

#### **Homebuyer Education and Counseling**

- The city will work with the Hillsborough County government to jointly fund and administer a homebuyer education and counseling program. Through this program, potential homebuyers will receive financial counseling, information on mortgage

products, information on homebuyer, and will be warned of the pitfalls of predatory lending.

### **Housing Rehabilitation**

- Centre for Women, Owner-Occupied Moderate Rehabilitation: The Centre for Women will administer a housing repair program that will provide for emergency, plumbing, and roof repairs for senior citizens of Tampa.
- Centre for Women Targeted Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation: The Centre for Women will perform housing rehabilitation on owner-occupied housing units located in the East Tampa and West Tampa neighborhoods.
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation: The City of Tampa will perform housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied residences through a deferred payment loan. This program enables low- and very-low income owner-occupant residents to maintain ownership of housing that is decent, safe and sanitary. The dwelling must be in violation of the Minimum Standards Code. Eligible repairs are limited to elimination of code violations related to the structure. A 0% interest rate loan is deferred while the property remains the applicant's primary homestead residence.
- Tampa Housing Authority's J.L. Young and Mary Bethune Renovations: The City of Tampa will provide financial assistance to the Tampa Housing Authority for the rehabilitation of public housing units in the Mary Bethune Hi-Rise Apartments and the J.L. Young Apartments. Renovations include completion of the replacement of windows and installation of closed circuit TV security cameras, as well as patio/balcony screen enclosures.

### **Housing Relocation**

- Temporary / Permanent Relocation: Provides for relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons including emergency, temporary and permanent relocation.

### **Housing Replacement**

- On-Site Housing Replacement: The City of Tampa will operate a housing replacement program that will provide for the demolition, removal of rubble, and replacement of a owner-occupied housing structure that is beyond repair. Replacement On-Site Housing is a redesigned program that is part of the city's homeowner rehabilitation program. When the cost to rehabilitate a dwelling is excessive based on its value and condition, replacement may be an affordable option for the low-income homeowner.

### **Housing Development**

- Multi-Family Housing Development: The City of Tampa will solicit for proposals from developers. Provides for financial assistance for the acquisition and rehabilitation or the development of multi-family affordable housing for income-qualified households.
- CHDO Housing Development: The City of Tampa will provide financial assistance to CHDOs for infill new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation housing projects. Units will be made available for sale or rent to income-eligible households.

### **Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance**

- ADDI: Activities under the ADDI program include down payment assistance, closing costs, and minor rehabilitation in combination with the home purchase. All potential homeowners receiving assistance will be required to complete the homebuyers

counseling program being administered by the Housing and Community Development Division.

- Down Payment Assistance Program: Eligible homebuyers will receive down payment assistance secured by a deferred mortgage and note along with the required deed restrictions to insure the affordability term. Assistance for the potential homebuyer in the form of a deferred payment loan.

### **C. Barriers Due To Discrimination**

The city's Fair Housing Program makes it illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, handicap, familial status, or sexual orientation:

- In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots
- In advertising the sale or rental of housing
- In the financing of housing
- In the provision of real estate brokerage services

The foundation for housing rights was laid by the United States Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Title VIII), the City of Tampa's Fair Housing Ordinance of 1976 and Human Rights Ordinance of 1984 (No. 8718-A), and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. In keeping with the laws of the United States and the State of Florida, on November 18, 1984, the city adopted its Human Rights Ordinance and amendments.

Although it is illegal, some people cannot obtain safe, decent and affordable housing due to discrimination. During the next year, the city will continue to strive to eliminate this barrier through strong enforcement of its fair housing ordinance and federal laws. The city anticipates receiving and resolving a minimum of fifteen (15) fair housing complaints this program year.

### **HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)**

#### **1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).**

Not applicable

#### **2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.**

The City of Tampa will use the recapture option to ensure long-term affordability of the assisted property. The amount of the direct HOME subsidy will come due and payable upon transfer of ownership interest during the affordability period, as determined by the dollar level of the subsidy.

#### **3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:**

- a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.**

- b. **Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.**
- c. **State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.**
- d. **Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.**
- e. **Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.**
- f. **State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.**

Not Applicable

**4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:**

- a. **Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.**

Activities under the ADDI program include down payment assistance, closing costs, and minor rehabilitation in combination with the home purchase. It is anticipated that approximately half of the households (or 3 households) who receive down payment assistance using PY06 HOME and ADDI funds will be minority households.

- b. **Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.**

Outreach activities have, and will continue to focus on the potential homeowners who are residents of Tampa Housing Authority (THA) Projects in conjunction with their HOPE VI activities. Housing and Community Development regularly attend community meetings and have worked directly with THA staff to promote these funds. Down payment assistance funds have been set aside for housing that is being developed by THA.

- c. **Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.**

All potential homeowners receiving assistance will be required to complete the homebuyers counseling program being administered by the Housing and Community Development Division or an approved agency.

## HOMELESS

### Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. **Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction’s plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.**

**A. Emergency Shelter Grant**

In Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa there are more than 11,000 persons who are homeless according to homeless census data prepared by the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County. The primary cause of homelessness is a lack of housing that very low-income people can afford. In the year 2000, 34% of the homeless population were families and 66% were single persons. But now children and families are becoming the fastest growing homeless population. Over 5 million low-income families in the United States pay half of their income for housing or live in severely substandard conditions. The numbers of homelessness men, women and children have doubled since 2000 and their needs have grown accordingly. Nationally, less than 15 percent of the homeless population can get help. Locally, according to the June 15, 2006 Homeless Coalition annual report to the Hillsborough County Commissioners, only 13 percent of homeless people are able to receive assistance.

Homeless Population	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Number of Families with Children (Family Households):	281	881	1,247	2,409
1. Number of Persons in Families with Children:	100	498	324	922
2. Number of Single Individuals and Persons in Households without Children:	3,624	1,455	2,383	7,462
<b>Total Persons:</b>	3,724	1,953	2,707	8,384

Homeless Subpopulations	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
a. Chronically Homeless (in emergency shelter <i>only</i> )	248	1,000	1,248
b. Severely Mentally Ill	469	N/A	469
c. Chronic Substance Abuse	246	N/A	246
d. Veterans	608	N/A	608
e. Persons with HIV/AIDS	200	N/A	200
f. Victims of Domestic Violence	180	N/A	180
g. Unaccompanied Youth (Under 18)	204	N/A	204

The city has prioritized supporting the operating costs of emergency shelters, utilizing \$164,090 in Emergency Shelter Grant funds made available for FY07 through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. The selection process for ESG Project Sponsors is determined through a request for proposal (RFP) that is coordinated in partnership with the Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition. The following agencies have been selected to receive ESG funding awards for FY2007:

<b>ESG Provider</b>	<b>FY07 ESG Award</b>	<b>Program Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alpha House, Inc.	\$73,200	\$73,200	\$146,400
New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.	30,000	30,000	60,000
Salvation Army	52,685	52,685	105,370
City Administration	8,205	8,205	16,410
	<b>\$164,090</b>	<b>\$164,090</b>	<b>\$328,180</b>

**Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.**

Alpha House operates a 23 bedroom licensed maternity home to serve pregnant women with multiple risk factors for the delivery of a low birth weight baby. Alpha House also provides transitional housing to parenting women and their infants and young children. The agency owns three homes that can accommodate up to eight mothers and their babies as well as a transitional housing apartment complex for eight homeless families and also provides on-site childcare through its partnership with the Child Abuse Council. ESG funds will be used to pay for operating expenses for the following unduplicated units of service: serve 100 pregnant women; serve 30 families in transitional housing; and provide a total of 18,300 bed days to mothers and babies in the maternity and transitional housing programs.

**New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.**

New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc. operates an emergency shelter 365 days a year for up to 38 adult males and 7 adult females. Services provided include a daily hot meal, clothing, and supportive services that are designed to break the cycle of homelessness. Case management is provided to identify health, employment, substance abuse and mental health issues. Self-sufficiency plans are then developed with the clients. ESG funds will be used to expand homeless services to respond to the increase in homeless population and the shortage of emergency shelter beds. ESG funds will be utilized to provide operating costs for 16,425 nights of shelter to 1,363 unduplicated clients annually. New Beginnings` goal is to have 65 chronically homeless clients secure permanent housing in the community during the contract period.

**Salvation Army, Inc.**

The Salvation Army provides services to the homeless through its homeless intervention program that provides for a continuum of care that meets the needs of homeless individuals and single women/head of household families in Tampa and Hillsborough County. The Red Shield Lodge provides emergency shelter for up to 101 men and 24 women per night from 4:00 PM – 6:00 AM in a safe and centrally located environment. Shelter nights at the Red Shield Lodge include bed, meals and laundry services. ESG funds will be used to pay for operating expenses for the following unduplicated units of service: 45,625 nights of emergency shelter annually for up to 101 male beds and 24 female beds per calendar year.

**B. CDBG**

Through CDBG funding, the city provides emergency relocation assistance (in cases of displacement due to code enforcement); temporary relocation assistance (where clients need to temporarily move because of housing rehabilitation); and permanent relocation (in cases where property has been purchased for public purposes). In all cases, the city also provides other logistical support and referrals to non-profit service providers as appropriate. \$50,000 has been allocated for this purpose, to be expended as needed.

**C. Continuum of Care**

The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care planning process in Tampa and has applied for the program assistance charted below (information on the number of beds and supportive services per provider will be available in the Fall). All projects are supported by City of Tampa and have been certified for their consistency with the city’s FY2003-2007 Consolidated Planning Document.

<b>Continuum of Care Agency</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Continuum \$</b>
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	SSO	\$ 133,334
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	Drew Park	403,035
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	Interbay	42,997
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	131 <sup>st</sup>	23,333
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	Martindale	48,154
Alpha House	Welfare to work	68,819
Alpha House	Rosalie Center	83,013
Alpha House	Self-Sufficiency	77,219
Catholic Charities	Mercy House	42,758
Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.	UNITY Information	65,510
Mental Health Care	The Shop	199,500
Project Return	Supportive housing	153,956
Salvation Army	Women’s Housing	244,745
Salvation Army	Men’s Housing	144,467
The Spring of Tampa Bay	Transitional housing	177,560
Volunteers of America	Women’s programs	351,781
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,260,181</b>

**2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.**

Specific objectives found in the city’s FY2003-07 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan are listed below with a response of how they are addressed by the FY07 Action Plan:

- Provide relocation assistance as required by the federal Uniform Relocation Act, and emergency relocation assistance to families or individuals displaced by code enforcement activities and acts of nature. The city has allocated \$50,000 of CDBG funds to provide emergency relocation assistance (in cases of displacement due to code enforcement); temporary relocation assistance (where clients need to temporarily move because of housing rehabilitation); and permanent relocation (in cases where property has been purchased for public purposes).
- Work with subrecipient provider agencies to address the needs of homeless individuals and families and prevent low-income families and individuals from becoming homeless. The City will be providing in ESG funds \$73,200 to Alpha House of Tampa for emergency and transitional housing; \$30,000 to New Beginnings, Inc. for emergency shelter; and \$78,556 to the Salvation Army for emergency shelter. CDBG funding of \$23,630 will be

provided to The Spring of Tampa Bay for safe haven childcare; \$8,684 will be provided to the Metropolitan Ministries meal program; and \$75,000 will be provided to renovate the Abe Brown Service Center and Community Food Bank. Finally, general revenue support will be provided to the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County.

- Work with local social services agencies and non-profit organizations to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. The city will be providing varied funding support to six of the nine Continuum of Care agencies. As well, the city continues to partner with the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, City/County Homeless Task Force and the City/County Affordable Housing Task Force.
- Provide housing and supportive services for special needs populations including the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with substance abuse problems, victims of HIV/AIDS, and public housing residents. The city will provide \$3,413,483 of FY07 HOPWA funds and prior year reprogrammed funds to eight HIV/AIDS housing project sponsors. With CDBG funds, the city will provide \$500,000 for renovations of Tampa Housing Authority's JL Young & Mary Bethune public housing; \$500,000 for renovations of the Tampa Housing Authority's Oaks at Riverview apartments; \$15,000 for the Centre for Women's Geriatric Women's Assistance program; \$88,702 for a DACCO Drug Prevention program; \$16,173 for dental care for the indigent; \$12,000 for an ElderNet program; \$33,437 for the Mendez drug prevention program; \$8,684 for Metropolitan Ministries' meals program; \$19,554 for a senior companion program; \$23,630 for The Spring child care program for safe haven children; \$17,046 for the United cerebral therapy program; and \$13,722 for an indigent health care vision program.
- Assist and provide technical assistance to private entities applying for available funding to develop transitional housing programs to facilitate the transition of homeless families and individuals to self-sufficiency. The city continues working closely with the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, all Continuum of Care service providers and public/private representatives of the City/County Affordable Housing Task Force to develop transitional housing for the homeless in accordance with the local 10-year plan to end homelessness (titled "Places for People").
- Utilize HUD funding under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and apply for other state and federal funds that address housing requirements of this special needs population. These project sponsors will provide 10 different programs serving the HOPWA service area consisting of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. The city continues to implement its 2-year agreement with Collaborative Solutions, Inc., a US HUD Office of AIDS Housing designated agent to identify and develop alternative and supplemental funding resources for HIV/AIDS housing.

**3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.**

By Florida State statute, the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County is the designated coordinator of homeless service provision in Hillsborough County. The city continues to work aggressively to endorse the Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition's 10-year plan to end homelessness, called *Places for People*. The *Places for People* 10-year plan addresses chronic (and other) homeless assessment; prevention; outreach and engagement; support services; and, transitional and permanent supportive and independent housing. The city remains active in promoting the development of a sustainable financial plan to support *Places for People*, by its involvement in the City/County Homeless Task Force. The city has also taken an active role in participating in the area's Affordable Housing Task Force in an effort to generate affordable housing for very low, low and moderate-income persons. As well, in FY07, the city will be providing funding support to six of the nine Continuum of Care

agencies including ACTS, Alpha House of Tampa, Catholic Charities, the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, the Salvation Army and The Spring of Tampa Bay. Funding will also be provided to the New Beginnings, Inc. emergency shelter and to the Abe Brown Service Center and Community Food Bank to assist homeless persons or persons who are at risk of becoming homeless.

The greatest barrier to ending chronic homelessness locally is the lack of affordable housing. The cost of rental housing is out of reach for more and more people who are at risk of becoming homeless due to the high percentage of income that they must spend on housing. The federal minimum wage has remained the same since 1997 and even though the State of Florida implemented an annual adjustment for minimum wages, rents significantly increase annually. Local residents must earn nearly three times the minimum hourly wage just to rent a two-bedroom apartment.

**4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.**

The city utilizes CDBG funding to provide emergency relocation assistance (caused by code enforcement), temporary relocation assistance (caused by housing rehabilitation); and permanent relocation (caused by property purchased through eminent domain). The city also uses HOPWA funds to provide short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance as well as project and tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members to prevent homelessness. Finally, the city utilizes State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) funds, established by the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992, which created a permanent fund source for state and local affordable housing efforts in the State of Florida. By law, a portion of these funds is set aside to provide housing for low and very-low income persons, thus responding especially toward preventing homelessness of families with children.

**5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.**

Florida Statute 420.622 establishes the Florida Office on Homelessness within the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Florida Council on Homelessness, charging the former with developing the “coordination of policies and procedures relating to the discharge or transfer from the care or custody of state-supported or state-regulated entities for persons who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.” The local Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition has worked closely with publicly funded agencies, health care facilities, and other service providers to develop discharge plans and will continue to advocate for their implementation to ensure that persons will not be discharged into homelessness. These agencies include the Department of Corrections, Tampa Crossroads, Public Defender’s Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, the City of Tampa Police Department, hospitals and foster care agencies.

## **Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)**

**(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.**

Not applicable (for State Only). The City of Tampa does not award ESG grants to other units of local government.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Community Development

- 1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.**

The City of Tampa identified the following community development needs in the 2002 – 2006 Consolidated Plan.

#### High Priority Needs:

- ED Direct Financial Assistance (18B)
- Employment Training (05H)
- Fire Stations / Equipment (03O)
- Handicap Facilities (03B)
- Childcare Services (05L)
- Youth Services (05D)
- Handicapped Services (05B)
- Health Services (05M)
- Micro-Enterprise Assistance (18C)
- Parking Facilities (03G)
- Parks, Recreational Facilities (03F)
- Public Facilities and Improvements (Gen 3)
- Public Services (General) (05)
- Substance Abuse Services (05F)

#### Medium Priority Needs:

- Asbestos Removal (03R)
- Flood Drain Improvements (03I)
- Neighborhood Facilities (03E)
- Non-Residential Historic Preservation (16B)
- Rehab; Publicly or Privately Owned Commercial (14E)
- Senior Services (05A)
- Solid Waste Disposal Improvements (03H)
- Tree Planting (03N)
- Water/Sewer Improvements (03J)

The following are the non-housing projects to be undertaken during the 2006 program year. These projects are consistent with the Consolidated Plan and Listing of Proposed Projects tables located within the 2006 Action Plan. Completion date for all but Public Facilities projects is September 30, 2007. Public Facilities projects will be completed no later than September 30, 2008. Activities to be undertaken for the City of Tampa's non-housing community development needs are as follows:

#### Projects Meeting Public Service Priority

**Strategic Plan Objective:** The city will work with public service providers to fulfill Public Service Needs not met within the city limits by Hillsborough County's Social Service Policy.

Activity	No.	Type
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	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Brighter Community Preschool/Childcare: Provides a safe preschool environment for children three to five at-risk of developmental delays. \$13,600</li> </ul>	05L	10 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Brothers and Big Sisters Comprehensive Mentoring Program: Provides for specialized counseling services to "at risk" youths between the ages of five and seventeen and their families, determines individual and collective needs, and provides information about and access to existing community resources. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05D	170 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDC-100 Youth Leadership Movement Program: Provides positive development, academic achievement, and employability participants ages 13 through 21 living in low to moderate communities. Services provided at 2631 E. Lake Avenue. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05D	20 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDC-Career Resource Center: Provides for job counseling, job training and referrals/placement and counseling follow-up assistance to the hardest to employ. \$14,000</li> </ul>	05H	35 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre For Women-Geriatric Assistance Program: Provides non-medical, in-home service and assistance to low to very low-income elderly citizens. Services provided city-wide. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05A	38 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre for Women-Girls Program: Provides prevention services to girls between the ages of ten and eighteen to encourage development of positive self-esteem and critical life skills. \$17,046</li> </ul>	05D	50 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre For Women-Success Strategies Program: Provides assistance to unemployed or underemployed women of low to moderate-income who are at risk of homelessness, abuse and/or poverty. Services provided at 305 S. Hyde Park Avenue. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05H	10 People	LMC

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COACH Foundation-Project Choice: Provides for individualized and group activities for youth "at risk" of becoming school dropouts, and drug a prevention program. \$19,884</li> </ul>	05F	30 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Mentors Kid Program: Provides a computer technology-training program to youths at four city parks and recreation centers. \$13,105</li> </ul>	05D	30 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DACCO Drug Prevention Program: Provides residents with intake and admission screening, out-patient treatment, residential treatment (extended care), and a drug prevention program for low and moderate-income residents. \$88,702</li> </ul>	05F	30 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental Program: Provides residents with preventative/restoration dental care services and dentures. \$16,173</li> </ul>	05M	40 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Childhood School Readiness Program: Provides children ages six weeks to six years with a day care pre-school educational program. These funds are used to provide match for Title XX funds. Services provided at various centers throughout the city. \$58,626</li> </ul>	05L	800 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eldernet Program Provides telephone reassurance calls, safety checks, service coordination, information and referral, chore services, code enforcement, holiday gift and friendly visits, and caregiver support to elderly and disables adults. Services provided city-wide. \$12,000</li> </ul>	05A	65 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hillsborough Association for Retarded Citizens (HARC): Provides mentally challenged clients with expanded economic opportunities while they learn job skills in sheltered workshops. \$13,600</li> </ul>	05B	30 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor's Beautification-STEPS Program: Provides for stewardship training to Tampa's inner-city neighborhood residents, and for parks and recreational revitalization. \$9,375</li> </ul>	05H	8 People	LMC

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mendez Foundation Drug Prevention Program: Provides children in sixth, seventh and eight grades with a drug prevention education program. Programs provided at eligible Hillsborough County schools within the city. \$33,437</li> </ul>	05F	3,500 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metropolitan Ministries Meal Program: Provides hot meals to hungry men, women and children. \$8,684</li> </ul>	05	900 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police Athletic League (PAL) Youth Program: Provides for a variety of recreational and sports activities for children between the ages of five to fifteen. \$5,250</li> </ul>	05D	80 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc. - Senior Faith in Action Volunteer Caregivers (FAVC): Provides a program that utilizes senior volunteers to render in-home assistance to the frail elderly by providing companionship, respite, shopping, and financial management services. \$10,998</li> </ul>	05A	35 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.- Senior Companion Program: Provides for expanded economic opportunities for low-income seniors to deliver preventive health services and companionship to the elderly population at the J. L. Young Apartments. \$19,554</li> </ul>	05A	28 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Child Care Program: Provides safe, quality child care services to domestic violence victim families for children six weeks to five years. \$23,630</li> </ul>	05L	100 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Peter Claver Day Care Program: Provides for a comprehensive, individualized care and training program for developmentally disabled children ages six months to six years. \$10,000</li> </ul>	05B	25 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampa Bay Academy of Hope - Leadership Through Education: Provides the elements to increase leadership, educational and coaching activities to improve their academic record and school attendance for youths and their parents. \$10,200</li> </ul>	05D	60 People	LMC

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampa Heights – After School and Summer Program: Provides after school and summer youth development activities for at-risk youths, ages 10 to 18. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05D	35 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind-Rehabilitation Program: Provides blind and visually impaired persons with independent living skills. \$10,000</li> </ul>	05B	15 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind-Employment Training Program: Provides blind and visually impaired persons with employment training, job placement and rehabilitation technology. \$15,000</li> </ul>	05B	20 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Cerebral Palsy /Advance Ability Solutions AAS Therapy/Handicapped Services: Provides early intervention in the form of physical, speech, and occupational therapy to clients ages birth to age eighteen years old. \$17,046</li> </ul>	05B	10 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Africa-Training Program: Provides computer literacy training, job readiness assistance, financial literacy education, job placement, and entrepreneurship education. \$5,000</li> </ul>	05D	50 People	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision Program: Provides residents with eye examinations and eyeglasses. Services provided at the Hillsborough County Health Department. \$13,722</li> </ul>	05M	150 People	LMC

**Projects Meeting Public Facility Needs Priority**

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Schedule and concentrate public infrastructure and supporting facilities and services to improve the quality of existing neighborhoods.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abe Brown Ministries Renovation: This project provides for Phase II of Abe Brown Ministries Inc.'s Programs Service Center and Community Food Bank project. This will complete the renovation. \$75,000</li> </ul>	03	2 Facilities	LMC

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City-Wide Fencing: Provides for purchase of material and installation of fencing, backstops, gates and vehicle control devices for eligible parks and playgrounds that serve low and moderate-income people in the city. \$150,000</li> </ul>	03F	2 Parks, Recreational Facilities	LMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City-Wide Sidewalks, Street Resurfacing and Traffic Calming: Provides for sidewalk replacement, street resurfacing and traffic calming devices limited to low and moderate income areas. Priority locations are in the East Tampa area, however others are also being reviewed at this time. \$254,911</li> </ul>	03	5 Public Facilities	LMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District III Police Headquarters: Provides for creation of District III police headquarters within the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area to improve security and public safety in a predominately low and moderate- income area. Located at 2038 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. \$500,000</li> </ul>	03	1 Public Facility	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fence Replacement Project-PAL: Provides for the replacement of the dilapidated and hazardous fence that surrounds a seventeen acre sports complex that is utilized by approximately 500 low to moderate-income families who are first-time homebuyers. \$30,000</li> </ul>	03D	1 Youth Center	LMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Lee’s House Project: Provides funding for the construction of the Mary Lee House, a new Child Advocacy and Protection Center. Mary Lee’s House will be a home to multi-disciplinary partners, where children with allegations of abuse can receive comprehensive assessments and services under one roof. \$75,000</li> </ul>	03Q	1 Abused and Neglected Children Facility	LMA

**Projects Meeting Planning Priority**

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Planning.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Financial Coordination: Provides staff for planning, financial administration, and reporting of HCD housing assistance programs. \$373,443</li> </ul>	20		

	Activity	No.	Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joshua Group-Faith Based Capacity Building: Provides a community development training and capacity building initiative for faith-based organizations located within the City of Tampa. This program will consist of classroom training, fieldwork, and technical assistance. This training will enable "faith groups" to serve as effective coordinators of efforts to enhance the economic prospects of the redeveloping neighborhoods they serve. \$50,000</li> </ul>	20		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LISC Program Services: Provides financial assistance to Local Initiative Support Corporation for technical financial expertise and organizational capacity building to local non-profit organizations. \$50,000</li> </ul>	20		

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Cost associated with program delivery.

	Activity	No.	Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost Allocation: Indirect costs, plan prepared in accordance with OMB Circular A-87 and approved by HUD. \$300,000</li> </ul>	21B		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair Housing Public Information: Provides for a fair housing and public information program. \$10,000</li> </ul>	21D		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Funds Accounting: Provides for full range of accounting services. \$143,631</li> </ul>	21A		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Funds Budget: Provides for budget and grant administration. \$132,370</li> </ul>	21A		

**2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.**

**\*Note:** Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

The City of Tampa’s long-term community development objective was to “provide citizens decent housing, as well as protect their health, safety, and welfare. This would also include creating jobs through economic development that benefit low and moderate income people.” In order to address this long-term goal, the City of Tampa will undertake numerous community development projects in Program Year 2006. These projects, along with their corresponding strategic plan objective, are outlined below.

**Projects Meeting Economic Development Priority**

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Provide economic opportunities for income-disadvantage households and economic disadvantage minority and women owned small businesses.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hillsborough County Small Business Technical Assistance: Provides technical assistance to for-profit businesses located in income qualified areas. \$96,000</li> </ul>	18B	75 Businesses	LMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 108 Repayment: Provides for repayment of Section 108 loan-Centro Ybor. \$420,326</li> </ul>	19F		

In addition to the aforementioned priorities and projects, the City of Tampa will provide financial assistance to Local Initiatives Support Corporation for technical financial expertise and organizational capacity building to local non-profit organizations. Funding for this activity will consist of a portion of the city’s CDBG Administration budget (20 Planning).

**Antipoverty Strategy**

**1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.**

The city's affordable housing goals, programs and policies are designed to help very-low, low, and moderate income people who would not otherwise be able to afford housing become homeowners. Through the city’s home ownership programs, income-eligible persons obtain skills in budgeting, taxes, insurance, and financing that are necessary to ensure long-term home ownership. The City of Tampa will continue to work closely with service groups within the Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition, HOPWA consultants and faith-based and community-based non-profit organizations in order to serve area residents and provide opportunities to those in need.

The following city programs and policies provide for reduced housing costs, allowing a greater number of families below the poverty level to participate in many of the city's housing programs. These reduced-cost measures enable low and very low-income families to spend considerably less income for higher-quality housing.

- Ordinance 88-374 established the Tampa Quality Development district. This ordinance permits mixed use projects in selected areas of the city. Developers are encouraged to provide resources and amenities beyond those normally associated with such projects. The developer receives density/intensity bonuses based on the type and quality of additional resources provided. Thirty-eight percent of the potential bonuses to be earned are based on the developer providing low and moderate-income housing and minority business development.
- Revision of the Eighty Percent Rule (Ordinance No. 89-15). This ordinance allows for construction of additional single family homes by subdividing adjoining, nonconforming lots so that development sites meet less stringent width and area limitations than otherwise required by the Zoning District.

- Resolution No. 89-1586 allows for expansion of an existing Enterprise Zone. Enterprise Zones allow a variety of Tax Credits including exemption from impact fees.
- The City of Tampa State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program Local Housing Incentive Plan and (LHIP) includes incentives designed to encourage the development of affordable housing.
- Code Reference Ch.5, Sect. A2, C8, P: These policies and rules assist in rehabilitating structures as affordable housing units by forgiving fines and charges levied against the property by the city and allowing the structure to be rehabilitated to minimum code.
- Code Reference 9722-A: This rule recognizes that older neighborhoods have developed under different patterns than the zoning currently allows. It allows affordable housing in-fill development that occurs in these areas to be consistent with the general site planning of the surrounding neighborhood.
- Code Reference Ch.25, Sect. 74: This section exempts development in the Ybor City and West Tampa districts from the transportation impact fee. A large amount of affordable housing development is occurring in these districts.
- Code Reference 89-1266: The special use fee waiver is a resolution allowing affordable housing projects to file a special use petition without payment of the \$500.00 fee. Special use petitions are required for some zoning waivers.
- Code Reference Ch.7, Sect. 321: The Planned Development (PD) Zoning Classification allows the development of a project to be controlled by an approved site plan. This zoning classification provides a method to modify zoning and other city requirements such as setbacks, lot sizes and design criteria, for a specific project.
- Deferment of fees is also allowable. This policy states that wastewater capacity fees for affordable housing projects can be deferred until the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.
- As evidenced by the City of Tampa adopting the Florida Rehabilitation Code, this document provides specific building code language regarding housing rehabilitation that encourages rehabilitation through graduated regulatory requirements applicable as different levels of work are performed in existing buildings.
- The City of Tampa's zoning ordinance or land use regulations permit manufactured housing (as long as the structure complies with the City of Tampa Building Code) "as of right" in all residential districts and zoning classifications in which similar site-built housing is permitted, subject to design, density, building size, foundation requirements and other similar requirements.
- The City of Tampa has established a single, consolidated permit application process for housing development with the Construction Service Center that provides building, zoning, engineering, environmental and related permits.
- The City of Tampa allows for an expedited or "fast track" permitting and approvals process for all affordable housing projects within the city.
- The City of Tampa also does not require affordable housing project to undergo public review or special hearing if that development is a permitted use and is of the allowable density in the zoning district.

The following is a list of the City of Tampa affordable housing incentive strategies that are currently in place to facilitate, encourage, preserve, and produce affordable housing, in order to assure safe, decent and affordable housing for the city's very-low, low and moderate income households.

**Incentive Strategy 1: Expedited processing of permits for affordable Housing projects.**

All affordable projects are now expedited since the City of Tampa reorganized its permitting process in June 1995. Residential projects are reviewed and permitted within 3-5 days, more than 90% receive permits in less than 3 days. Permits expedited: building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing. The city has established an express permit process where permit authorization can be obtained over the phone and permits can be faxed. Residential building plan review has a "plans on file" process where a sealed set of plans are reviewed and approved and placed on file. Subsequent projects using the same plans can then be expedited. The development permit process has been reorganized with personnel from all permit review and approval agencies have been organized into the Construction Services Center.

**Incentive Strategy 2: The allowance of increased density levels.**

The city Comprehensive Plan Policy A-8.4 and Ordinance 97-82 allows for a limited density bonus. The Density Bonus is only available to projects within the Central Business District Periphery. The language of the Policy does not specifically identify the density bonus is available for affordable housing.

**Incentive Strategy 3: The reduction of parking and setback requirements.**

Land Development Code Change, Chapter 27, Ordinance 96-105 allows for this incentive. Strategy is functioning as intended and residential parking and setback reductions have been utilized.

**Incentive Strategy 4: The allowance of zero-lot-line configurations.**

Land Development Code Change, Chapter 27, Ordinance 96-105 allows for this incentive. The strategy is functioning well and a number of subdivision projects have used the zero-lot-line design option in identified project areas, including Ybor Special District and the Channel Special District.

**Incentive Strategy 5: The establishment of a process by which a local government considers, before adoption, policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that have a significant impact on the cost of housing.**

Policy implemented by a Policy Memorandum issued by the city's Department of Business and Community Services in October 1994. The Strategy is functioning as intended. The city has appointed the Deputy Director of the Department of Business and Community Services as the affordable housing advocate responsible for the review of existing and proposed policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations and plan provisions that may have a significant impact on the cost of housing. Periodically, the Deputy Director will assemble city staff involved with the regulation of housing to review, analyze and provide input concerning proposed policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations and plan provisions.

The City of Tampa also complies with Section 3 to promote employment and economic availability derived from projects funded by HUD's financial assistance.

The City of Tampa will continue to pursue those goals, programs, and policies, which serve the best interests of the impoverished populations. It will likewise work with county social agencies whose primary responsibilities are that of meeting the needs of those citizens at the lowest end of the income scale.

## NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

### **Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))**

**1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.**

Current-year actual numbers of non-homeless special needs sub-populations are not available. However, it is anticipated that certain FY07 proposed projects (referenced in prior discussion on how the Action Plan addresses specific objectives of the Strategic Plan) will meet the housing needs of non-homeless special needs populations as follows:

- Elderly: adult day care; home health and respite care; home repairs and maintenance; information, referral and outreach; nutritional services.
- Frail Elderly: adult in-home support services; home health and respite care; home repairs and maintenance; referral and outreach; nutritional services.
- Persons w/ Severe Mental Illness: case management; counseling; drug prevention; emergency shelter.
- Developmentally Disabled: information, referral and outreach; therapeutic child day care; employment training and education; recreational opportunities.
- Physically Disabled: information, referral and outreach; therapeutic child day care; employment training and education; recreational opportunities; dental and vision programs; emergency assistance; supportive transitional and supportive housing.
- Alcohol/Other Drug Addicted: information, referral and outreach; case management; counseling; detox services; job force re-entry placement; nutritional services; transportation; supportive transitional housing.
- Persons w/ HIV/AIDS & their families: housing information; resource identification; facility repairs; project and tenant-based housing; short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance; supportive services.
- Public Housing Residents: facility maintenance repairs.
- Victims of Domestic Violence: childcare; crisis intervention and counseling; education/job placement assistance; information, referral and outreach; legal assistance; safe shelter; transitional housing.

**2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.**

Locally, the city works in partnership with the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County to work with Continuum of Care providers to assist special needs populations of persons who are at risk of, but are not yet, homeless. Other agencies involved include the State Department of Children and Families, State Department of Labor (Workforce Tampa), local police and sheriff's departments, Hillsborough County Department of Health and Social Services, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, and numerous non-profit service providers.

### **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS**

**1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.**

The City of Tampa’s Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the grantee organization responsible for the administration of HOPWA programs for west central Florida’s Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). HCD is a division of the city’s Business and Housing Development Department and is primarily responsible for providing affordable housing, economic development, and community revitalization assistance to the citizens of Tampa. The HOPWA EMSA is comprised of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties encompassing 2,554 square land miles with a total population of 2,395,997 persons according to the 2000 Census.

Project Sponsors listed in the chart below have been selected to provide the following HOPWA-eligible activities: housing information services; rehabilitation and repair of facility-based housing; project- and tenant-based housing assistance (including assistance for congregate housing arrangements); and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling. As well, these Project Sponsors will provide supportive services including mental health counseling, nutritional services, day care, and transportation to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system within the EMSA.

<b>Provider Agency</b>	<b>FY07 HOPWA Award</b>
Agency For Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS)	\$ 84,000
Boley Centers For Behavioral Health Care, Inc.	830,000
Catholic Charities, Inc. – Christopher Programs	206,696
Catholic Charities, Inc. – Mercy House	332,966
Catholic Charities, Inc. – Tenant-based Rental Assistance	434,680
Francis House, Inc.	200,000
Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc.	327,241
Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc.	90,000
Pasco County Housing Authority	178,000
Tampa Housing Authority	729,900
City Administration	76,260
	<b>\$ 3,489,743</b>

**Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (Acts)**

ACTS provides permanent housing and supportive services for HIV/AIDS-affected families by operating four single-family homes located throughout Tampa, Florida. For these four homes, HOPWA funds will be used to provide small repairs, maintenance, operating and administrative costs.

**Boley Centers For Behavioral Health Care, Inc.**

Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc. will use HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members for approximately 96 households throughout Pinellas County. HOPWA funds will also help support operating and administrative costs associated with these services.

**Catholic Charities, Inc. – Christopher Complex**

Catholic Charities, Inc. will use HOPWA funds to provide facility-based housing operations of Christopher Center for 18 persons; Christopher House for 16 persons; and Christopher family residence for 6 persons. As well, short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance will be provided for 80 persons; and supportive services consisting of transportation will be

provided for 28 persons (duplicative of other program components). HOPWA funds will also pay for operating and administrative costs.

**Catholic Charities, Inc. – Mercy Programs**

Catholic Charities, Inc. will utilize HOPWA funds to provide facility-based housing operations of Mercy House for 25 adults and 6 children; Mercy Apartments for 6 adults and 5 children; and Mercy Villas for 37 adults and 14 children. As well, supportive services consisting of transportation will be provided for 55 persons (duplicative of other program components). HOPWA funds will also pay for operating and administrative costs.

**Catholic Charities, Inc. – Tenant-based Rental Housing**

Catholic Charities, Inc. will use HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members for approximately 44 units of housing throughout Hillsborough County. HOPWA funds will also cover operating and administrative costs.

**Francis House, Inc.**

Francis House, Inc. will provide supportive services that includes adult mental health and substance abuse counseling, adult recreational therapy, children’s support services, nutritional services, and transportation for approximately 250 HOPWA-eligible persons. HOPWA funds will provide for these services and their administrative and operating costs.

**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc.**

Gulf Coast Jewish Services provides housing information, short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness, project-based and tenant-based housing assistance, and support services for persons with HIV/AIDS and affected family members living in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. HOPWA funds will be used by Gulf Coast for operations of apartment units for 10 households; housing information for 150 persons; emergency assistance for 75 persons with 25 affected family members; tenant-based rental assistance for 10 households; and supportive services for 400 persons consisting of nutrition (may be duplicative of other program components). The apartment units of housing are project-based facilities variously located in Largo, Safety Harbor, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs, FL.

**Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc.**

Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc. use HOPWA funds to provide permanent, affordable rental assistance for 9 households infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Spring Hill, and New Port Richey, FL. For 9 apartment dwellings, HOPWA funds will be used to provide preventative maintenance and repairs, operating and administrative costs for the apartment facilities.

**Pasco County Housing Authority**

Pasco County Housing Authority will use HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members for approximately 25 households throughout Pasco County. HOPWA funds will be utilized to provide rental assistance vouchers, program operations, and administrative costs.

### **Tampa Housing Authority**

A Public Housing Authority serving the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County, is the Tampa Housing Authority who will provide tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members for approximately 90 units of housing located within City of Tampa limits. HOPWA funds will be utilized to provide rental assistance vouchers, program operations, and administrative costs.

- 2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.**

To be addressed as part of the FY06 CAPER.

- 3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.**

To be addressed as part of the FY06 CAPER.

- 4. Report on the accomplishments under the annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.**

To be addressed as part of the FY06 CAPER.

- 5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.**

To be addressed as part of the FY06 CAPER.

- 6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.**

To be addressed as part of the FY06 CAPER.

- 7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.**

As with housing for special needs populations, potential obstacles include the following: public funding support for income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected, resident family members does not begin to meet the need for housing and supportive services. Even were public funding to be made available at adequate levels, public awareness and levels of education regarding the transmission of HIV/AIDS remains low, especially in the southeast region of the United States. Finally, the cost of affordable housing in Tampa has increased dramatically. The number of HIV/AIDS persons at risk of becoming homeless will not decrease until more housing is made available – not just affordable housing – but housing for low and very-low income persons. In response, the City Housing and Community Development Division of the Business and Housing Development Department has embarked on an aggressive long-range strategic planning process to provide housing for very low, low and moderate income persons in Tampa.

**8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.**

According to data compiled from the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, there were 10,882 cases of AIDS reported within the Tampa Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) between 1996 through April 2006. For the same time period, 5,545 HIV cases have been documented. Combined a total of 16,427 HIV/AIDS cases have been documented in the EMSA between 1996 through April 2006. The data in the table below charts the HIV/AIDS incidence rates for each of the counties that comprise the HOPWA EMSA.

**EMSA HIV/AIDS DEMOGRAPHICS**

<b>County</b>	<b>AIDS Cases</b>	<b>HIV Cases</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Hernando	198	84	282	2%
Hillsborough	6,031	3,218	9,249	56%
Pasco	680	341	1,021	6%
Pinellas	3,973	1,902	5,875	36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,882</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>16,427</b>	<b>100%</b>

Housing continues to be an urgent need of this population, due in part to the fact that treatment drugs, such as protease inhibitors, are allowing those with AIDS to live longer, healthier lives. Because of this benefit, there is decreased turnover in affordable housing stock for AIDS patients. As a result, the City of Tampa, in partnership with the counties comprising the EMSA, have placed a high priority on providing affordable transitional and permanent housing. The primary means of support for this effort is the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant, which is used to provide various housing options and supportive services to eligible persons. The FY07 HOPWA allocation of \$2,542,000 is awarded through an annual RFP process through a pro-rata basis of cumulative reported AIDS cases between 1996 through April 2006 as charted above.

**9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.**

In FY05, the city contracted with Collaborative Solutions, Inc. (CSI), a designated US HUD Office of AIDS technical assistance provider, to conduct resource identification activities for the local HOPWA EMSA. An HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition has been formed, comprised of representatives of various public/private entities including the: City of Clearwater; City of St. Petersburg; Florida Department of Children and Families; Florida Department of Health; HARTLine; Hernando County Health Department; Hernando County Housing Authority; Hillsborough County Housing and Community Code Enforcement; Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County; Pasco County Community Development; Pasco County Housing Authority; Persons with AIDS Coalition; Pinellas County Health Department; Pinellas County Human Services; Pinellas County; Ryan White Health Care Council; Tampa Housing Authority; University of South Florida; the Veterans Administration, and all HOPWA-funded Project Sponsors. This coalition, led by CSI, has completed a survey instrument to conduct an in-depth HIV/AIDS housing needs assessment to be completed around October 2006. Utilizing data analyzed from the needs assessment, short and long-range planning strategies that identify service gaps and corresponding action steps will be developed and shall serve as the foundation for future HOPWA program planning and development.

## Specific HOPWA Objectives

**Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.**

FY07 CDBG, ESG, HOME, Ryan White and various county resources may be used in combination with HOPWA funding to provide the following supportive services HIV/AIDS persons: adult day care; case management; child day care; counseling; crisis intervention; dental and vision programs; detox services; drug prevention; emergency assistance; emergency shelter; employment training and education; facility maintenance repairs; facility repairs; home health and respite care; housing information; information, referral and outreach; in-home support services; legal assistance; nutritional services; project and tenant-based housing; recreational opportunities; safe shelter; short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance; supportive housing; supportive services; and transportation.

## OTHER NARRATIVE

**Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.**

### CDBG Requirements

Notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reports that the City of Tampa will receive a \$3,838,684 entitlement for Program Year 2006. Program Income of \$1,000,000 is anticipated as well as \$1,115,885 reprogrammed income. The CDBG activities proposed and detailed pertinent information on the projects selected starts on pages 22 and 41. The city has no identifiable amounts related to eligible activities contingent to cost overruns. No surplus from Urban Renewal settlements is expected. The city may return grant funds to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan. No income is received from float-funded activities and is not funding activities that qualify as an urgent need. Funds for activities requiring Environmental Review will not be obligated or expended unless HUD has approved the release of funds in writing.

It is estimated that in this year's Action Plan \$10,888,615 will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

### HOME

HOME is a federally funded, large-scale grant program for housing and City of Tampa will receive \$2,023,083 in the Program Year 2006, with an additional \$350,000 in anticipated program income and \$350,000 as reprogrammed income. The HOME program was designed as a partnership program among the Federal, State, and local governments and those in the for-profit and non-profit sectors, who build, own, manage, finance, and support low-income housing initiatives. Funds under the HOME program may be used for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and moderate or substantial rehabilitation of affordable rental and ownership housing and for tenant based rental assistance. Preference of HOME funds for the city will be given to affordable housing efforts through new construction of infill housing, rehabilitation of existing housing, and down payment assistance in low-income neighborhoods.

The American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI), signed into law in December of 2003, will be administered as part of the City of Tampa HOME Investment Partnerships Program. ADDI funds have been allocated to the City of Tampa for Program Year 2006 in the amount of \$36,900.

Funds may be used to assist potential homeowners in the dream of owning their own home, with a focus on first time, low-income, and minority households. Activities under the ADDI program include down payment assistance, closing costs, and minor rehabilitation in combination with the home purchase. It is anticipated that these funds will also assist in redevelopment efforts to help revitalize neighborhoods.

The majority of housing rehabilitation conducted in the City of Tampa is that which is done by private homeowners. In any project rehabilitated with HOME funds, the city's Minimum Housing Code, which is more stringent than Housing Quality property standards, must be met. Should the property be substantially rehabilitated, then all relevant city standards such as zoning and cost effective standards must also be met.

Pursuant to the HOME 24 CFR Part 92.220, the City of Tampa has met the reduction of matching requirements and the city's match requirement has been reduced by 50 percent to 12.5 percent. The city intends to commit a portion of its State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funding to be used as a source of match for the HOME program.

HOME funds will be committed to affordable housing within 24 months and at least 15 percent of each participating jurisdiction's allocation will be preserved for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). All allocated funds must be expended within five years. The city has qualified one nonprofit agency, the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc., as a CHDO recipient. Planning efforts by this agency is underway.

All HOME funds will be programmed to eligible activities and in forms of assistance pursuant to 24 CFR Part 92.205.