

## BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY00	ACTUAL FY01	BUDGET FY02	PROJECTED FY02	RECOMMENDED FY03
Personnel Expenses	\$ 8,342,868	\$ 9,019,332	\$ 9,702,940	\$ 9,393,423	\$ 10,055,731
Operating Expenses	1,345,409	1,837,160	2,391,895	2,178,629	2,037,382
Operating Budget	\$ 9,688,277	\$ 10,856,492	\$ 12,094,835	\$ 11,572,052	\$ 12,093,113
Capital Outlay	86,004	198,363	226,185	211,485	35,884
Budget Allocation	\$ 9,774,281	\$ 11,054,855	\$ 12,321,020	\$ 11,783,537	\$ 12,128,997
Authorized Positions	172	177	184	184	185

The Department of Business and Community Services' goal is to improve residential living standards and the overall aesthetic appearance of the City. This is accomplished by maintaining housing and development standards through administration and enforcement of City codes and encouraging economic development. Primary activities performed by the department include:

- Land development review, map preparation and administration of sign and zoning codes;
- Permit issuance, review and modification of building plans and code requirements;
- Enforcement of the City's housing and environmental standards;
- Management of leases, and real property/facility acquisitions and dispositions;
- Administration of Community Development Block Grant housing programs, other housing and Challenge Fund Loan programs; and
- Administration of historic preservation programs.

In performing these tasks, the department works closely with civic associations and the community at large. This has helped decrease the number of substandard structures and property maintenance problems.

Six positions and their associated costs, \$321,955, are budgeted for FY03 to facilitate property acquisitions and dispositions associated with capital improvement projects. One position is budgeted in each of the following six departments: Water, Parking, Parks, Public Works, Sanitary Sewers, and Legal.

The Construction Service Center provides a single location for acquiring residential and commercial electrical, building, plumbing, zoning and mechanical permits. Personnel from the Parks (7), Public Works (3), Stormwater (8), Sanitary Sewers (3), Water (2) and Solid Waste (1) departments are assigned to the Service Center for permit issuance tasks related to requirements of those departments. Twenty-four positions and their costs, \$1,014,325 are budgeted in the various departments identified.

The Ybor City Service Center, located at the German-American Club, provides a one-stop location for businesses and individuals seeking financial and development assistance. Located at the center are the following organizations: the Housing and Community Development Division, Tampa Bay Economic Development Corporation, Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation, and the Ybor City Development Corporation. Together these organizations provide technical and financial assistance for the City's small businesses and minority and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

Accomplishments and FY03 objectives are summarized below.

Performance Measures	FY01 Actual	FY02 Projected	FY03 Estimated
Construction Inspections	147,482	150,000	155,000
Commercial/Residential Plan Review	23,623	22,970	23,080
Commercial/Residential Permits	28,020	29,110	29,469
Commercial/Residential Projects	10,575	10,133	10,850
Code Inspections	147,482	150,000	155,000