

BUSINESS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY02	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	PROJECTED FY04	RECOMMENDED FY05
Personnel Expenses	\$ 7,279,254	\$ 7,881,820	\$ 8,535,225	\$ 8,325,979	\$ 8,146,844
Operating Expenses	1,713,004	1,710,596	2,074,703	2,099,876	1,564,559
Operating Budget	\$ 8,992,258	\$ 9,592,416	\$ 10,609,928	\$ 10,425,855	\$ 9,711,403
Capital Outlay	160,727	420,723	1,214,235	1,214,235	37,584
Budget Allocation	\$ 9,152,985	\$ 10,013,139	\$ 11,824,163	\$ 11,640,090	\$ 9,748,987
Authorized Positions	135	137	137	139	128

Vision and Mission: The Department of Business and Housing Development (BHD) envisions restored and revitalized neighborhoods with safe, affordable housing and commercial structures. The mission of the department is to provide safe, affordable housing and commercial structures and to encourage and stimulate economic development city-wide through investing in neighborhoods and community redevelopment.

Goals and Objectives: In an effort to achieve its mission, business and housing development focuses on the following goals and objectives:

- Revitalize the most challenged areas in the city: Facilitate rehabilitation where it is needed and encourage the adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized buildings.
- Effectively regulate and facilitate the development and building construction process: Perform construction inspections within one business day of requested date.
- Maintain and preserve Tampa's history and heritage: Revise and update design guidelines in historic districts.
- Establish efficient service levels for homeowners: Review plans, provide permits and perform inspections for Tampa's residential and commercial structures within five to ten days.
- Deliver efficient and effective city services: Facilitate staff training and development for promoting and maintaining state-of-the-art technology.

Current Operations and Initiatives: BHD is comprised of the following divisions: administration, real estate, commercial development services, residential development services, land development coordination, inspectional services, housing and community development, and historic preservation. The economic development program, which was previously a division in BHD, is now a division in the urban development department. The overall focus of BHD is neighborhood investment and employees are committed to revitalizing and restoring Tampa's economically challenged neighborhoods. BHD strives to provide safe, affordable housing and commercial structures while encouraging and stimulating economic development city-wide. In an effort to be more effective, the department increased staff education and certification requirements in FY04. Permit records and plans continue to be digitized for the new permitting system implemented in FY04. This new system features: electronic plans submission; electronic issuance of permits; access to departmental information such as addresses, permits, inspections, infrastructure information, tax assessor, code enforcement, land use and application forms; electronic tracking of department workflow; and interfacing with the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser, the county's building department and other city departments.

	FY03 Actual	FY04 Projected	FY05 Estimated
Performance Measures			
Construction Inspections	132,729	136,000	140,000
Commercial/Residential Plan Review	25,137	25,820	26,500
Commercial/Residential Permits	33,319	34,450	35,650
Residential Express Permits	13,471	13,700	13,900
Commercial/Residential Projects	11,509	11,982	12,500