

**CITY OF TAMPA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2004-2005  
December 28, 2004**

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**Block Club:** Area III

**Neighborhoods:** Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, Ybor Heights, V.M. Ybor, Tampa Heights, Davis Islands, Historic Ybor, South Nebraska, and Harbor Island.

**Boundaries:** Sligh Avenue (north); Hillsborough Bay (south); 15th Street (east); Florida Avenue (west).

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**Need and Recommendation 2.** Expansion at Giddens Playground, Located at 5209 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Giddens Playground has served the needs of area residents for over 50 years. Our neighborhood is very appreciative of the many improvements over the last year and is very excited about the proposed improvements by Tampa's Greenprinting Initiative in selecting Giddens Playground as the first recipient. However, we do continue to request that an addition is made to the existing building (the Kathryn Malone Center), or an additional building constructed to serve the needs of the neighborhood and civic association.

In last year's (May 27, 2003), CDBG response from Pete Burgue, Deputy Director of the Recreation Department, he stated: "Construction of a playground activities center and renovations to the existing building will be included in the Department's FY04 Capital Improvement Project request. We will continue to request this addition until construction begins. We also request a sign at the southern entrance to the park, at the intersection of E. Frierson and

*N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.* **In addition, we are requesting sidewalks and landscaping in the immediate areas adjoining the park. As the park is upgraded, it will continue to enhance neighborhood patronage. New facilities will accommodate the large number of people who use the park.**

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. The department is requesting funding in the FY05 Budget for the expansion of the Giddens Park facility and new signage. Also, Giddens Park has received funding from the Greenprinting Initiative to assist in the re-landscaping of the playground. *The Parks and Recreation Department will respond in the Non-Eligible Community Needs to the request for a sign at the southern entrance to the park.*

**Update:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department did not receive any funding in the FY05 Budget for the expansion of the Giddens Park facility. Giddens Park has received funding from the Greenprinting Initiative to assist in the re-landscaping of the playground.

**Response to sidewalk:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. In the area of E. Frierson and N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk does not appear to be practicable due to limited right-of-way and tree conflicts.

**Update:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. It was determined that sufficient right of way for new sidewalk existed along the east side of Giddens Park. New sidewalk was constructed along 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Frierson to Giddens (adjacent to the east side of the park) in early September under the current contract.

#### **Need and Recommendation 5. Sidewalk Request.**

**We request a sidewalk to be installed along E. Ellicott, between N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Olney.**

**Response:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. Sidewalk should be considered for the north side as some sidewalk is already existing. The policy of the Sidewalk Program is to give priority to areas that have no sidewalk in place over those that have sidewalk on at least one side of the road. This policy allows more roadways in the City to accommodate pedestrian traffic.

**Update:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. Sidewalk installation was completed at E. Ellicott between N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Olney.

**V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association & Crime Watch Inc.(V.M. Ybor N.A.C.W. Inc.)**

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**Need and Recommendation 6. Teens for Preservation (TFP) Outreach Program.**

Teens for Preservation (TFP) is a long-term outreach program that combines community service and business development with youth opportunity. Youth participants in TFP, ages 10-17, are charged with creating a business that addresses a community need. As part of the program, participants are responsible for developing a business plan, keeping records, developing budgets, and managing business operations. Each youth earns a small weekly stipend for participating in TFP. In an effort to build financial management skills, participants are required to open a Christmas savings account. Adult volunteers from the community oversee the program and provide guidance to the youth.

For the past four (4) years, the Central City Community to Develop Corporations (CDC) has sponsored a Teens for Preservation Program. Over 150 teens have participated in the development and management of a successful community maintenance and beautification service. TFP also offers participants courses in cooking, music, art, and group therapy. In 2003, the program received the Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful Business of the Year Award.

For the FY05 CDBG funding cycle, VM Ybor N.A.C.W., Inc. (Boundaries: E. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the North, I-4 to the South, N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street to the East, and I-275 to the West) would like to request \$5,000 to start a Teens for Preservation program in our community. Because the existing program is located in Tampa Heights, it is difficult for youth from VM Ybor to attend the sessions on a regular basis. Requested funds would cover the costs associated with developing and creating the business plan.

VM Ybor N.A.C.W., Inc. will use the \$5,000 in CDBG funds to develop our Teens for Preservation Program. Because we are requesting funds to start a TFP program, FY05 funds will be used for development, as opposed to implementation of our program. First, \$3,600 will be used to employ two (2) teenagers, age 14-17, on a part-time basis, to operate the program. Second, \$1,000 will be used to survey the community and host a workshop. Information collected from these exercises will help TFP members develop a business concept. Third, \$300 will be used for development of a business plan. Lastly, \$100 will cover any expenses associated with developing the TFP program in VM Ybor.

**Itemized Program Cost of Request:**

Stipend for 2 Program Leaders	\$1,800 ea.	\$3,600
Organizational Planning Exercise/Survey		\$1,000
Business Plan Development		\$ 300
Program Expenses		\$ 100
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

**Response:** From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. The City sent and received a Request For Proposal (RFP) from Ms. Marshall. The RFP has been included with other requests submitted through the RFP process and will be taken into consideration for funding.

**Update:** From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. Many proposals were submitted for consideration than could be selected for inclusion in Tampa's application to HUD. Due to a reduction in funding from HUD and following the new Request for Proposal process established by the City, grading and funding limits would not allow this proposal to be funded.

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#### **Need and Recommendation 7. Teens for Preservation (TFP) Outreach Program.**

**Teens for Preservation (TFP) is a long-term outreach program that combines community service and business development with youth opportunity. Your participants in TFP, ages 10-17, are charged with creating a business that addresses a community need. For the past four (4) years, the Central City CDC has sponsored a Teens for Preservation Program. Over 150 teens have participated in the development and management of a successful community maintenance and beautification service.**

**For the FY05 CDBG funding cycle, the Tampa Heights Civic Association (Boundaries: Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. To the North, I-4 to the South, and I-275 to the East, North Boulevard/Hillsborough River to the West) request \$10,000 to expand our Teens for Preservation program. While TFP is open to youth ages 10-17, the lawn maintenance service is typically limited to the younger participants. We would like to create a pilot architectural salvage program, within Tampa Heights, targeting TFP members ages 14-17. Architectural salvage is the removal of useable and historically important materials from buildings that are going to be demolished. This is a form of recycling, saving building products, which are no longer readily available. TFP members, ages 14 and older, would be employed to operate the program on a part-time basis. Requested funds would cover the costs associated with creating a business plan, paying stipends to program leaders, and purchasing supplies and office equipment.**

**The \$10,000 in CDBG funds will be used to develop and operate the Teens for Preservation Architectural Salvage program in Tampa Heights. First \$7,200 will be used to employ two (2) teenagers, age 14-17, on a part-time basis (10 hrs./wk.), to operate the program. Second, \$300 will be used for development of a business plan. Lastly, \$2,500 will cover supplies and office equipment.**

**Itemized Program Cost of Request:**

Stipend for 2 Program Leaders	\$7.50 hr. ea.	\$ 7,200
Business Plan		\$ 300
Supplies and Equipment		\$ 2,500
Total		\$10,000

**Response:** From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. The City sent and received a Request For Proposal (RFP) from Mr. Foster. The RFP has been included with other requests submitted through the RFP process and will be taken into consideration for funding.

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