



Channel District Neighborhood Amenity Incentive Program

The Channel District is one of the City of Tampa's most dynamic residential neighborhoods.

Located to the west of Downtown Tampa the neighborhood is bordered by the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway to the north, the Ybor Channel to the east and the Garrison Channel to the south. Home to urban artists' the neighborhood has a rich history that includes industrial enterprise, maritime commerce as well as a major sporting venue the Amalie Arena. It is an exciting place for locals and visitors alike to explore - not to mention, eat, drink, and sleep.

The Channel District offers residents and visitors a wide variety of communal and cultural amenities. The former Channelside Bay Plaza has been recently renovated and rebranded as Sparkman's Wharf, which offers restaurants, bars, shops, and entertainment venues. The district also is home to the Florida Aquarium and the Victory Museum. The Channel District enjoys a close relationship to the neighboring urban communities of Downtown and Ybor City. Downtown is home to the Amalie Arena, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa Bay History Museum, and Cotanchobee Park. Ybor City and its eclectic nightlife is also just a ride away with several stops throughout the neighborhood provided on the HART/TECO Streetcar line.

The population of the neighborhood continues to increase and the residents would like to have more service providers located in the neighborhood. To assist in the attraction of amenities the Channel District CRA is offering reimbursement of fees (up to \$10,000) paid to the City of Tampa relating to the construction of facilities. The reimbursement would include monies spent on building permit fees, water meters, water connection fees and inspection fees.

Qualifying Neighborhood Amenities Include the below list but other uses may be considered:

Restaurants	Grocery Store
Dry Cleaners	Drug Store
Florists	Performing Arts
Banks/Credit Unions	Art Gallery

- I. **Award Information:** This is a reimbursement grant program. The reimbursement shall be paid within 14 days of the business opening.
- II. **Eligibility:**
 - A. The business must be located in the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area. The boundaries are Meridian to the west, the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway to the north, the Ybor Channel to the east and the Garrison Channel to the south.
 - B. The building permits must be issued between the current calendar year of the applications submittal.
 - C. The reimbursement must be approved by the City of Tampa prior to the application for building permits.
 - D. The business must be a new business to the district or an expansion of an existing Channel District business.

