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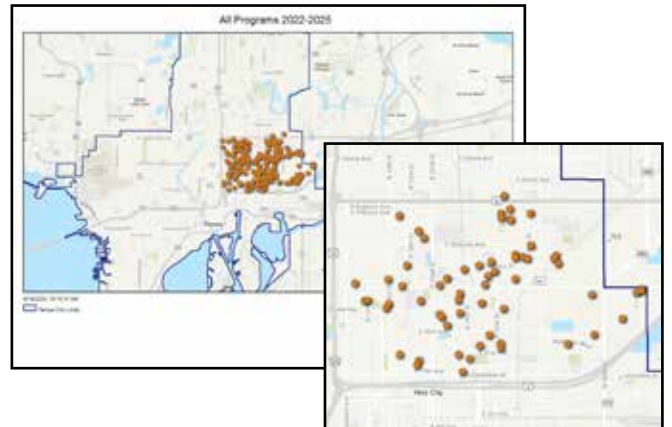
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE A DEBUT IN THE TAMPA CRA HOUSING INITIATIVE

Innovation and technology make a debut in housing, as the Tampa CRA introduces the CRA Housing Initiative Application, a visual tool that allows people to see the investments the Tampa CRA has made across the community through different housing programs. Daqua Hall, a summer youth program intern with the Tampa CRA, worked from start to finish to ensure the quality of this innovative application.

Each point on the map represents a different investment made in the community.

This includes the Down Payment Assistance, Emergency Roof Repair, and Tree Trimming programs. When clicked, each point will provide viewers with a range of information, such as the CRA initiative type, the amount invested, the completion status, the community redevelopment area, neighborhood, and more.

Future additions to the mapping application will detail insights on commercial grants awarded by the CRA and capital improvement projects funded by the agency. The addition of the new interactive tool provides greater insight to residents, businesses, and property owners into various CRA investments, as well as further education on the range of programs, projects, and initiatives offered by the Tampa CRA.



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CRA HOUSING PROGRAMS AND HOW TO START THE PROCESS

Since 2022, the Tampa CRA has dedicated 30% of its budget to helping families and individuals from all income levels with housing. Our housing affordability efforts for residents focus on two programs: the Housing Rehabilitation & Renovation Program and the Down Payment Assistance Program. To learn more about these programs, scan the QR code.



DOWNTOWN

UNITE:
ASHLEY DRIVE

UNITE: Ashley Drive, a multimillion-dollar mobility project to better align the entrance ramps to Downtown Tampa from Interstate 275 was approved for \$8 million of CRA funds. The project will enhance the connectivity of the area by making it safer and easier to walk and bike around downtown Tampa.



WEST TAMPA

SIGNAL BOX ART INSTALLATION

Traffic signal boxes across West Tampa were turned into public art pieces, as eight boxes across the district were wrapped with art. Each piece honors the history and traditions of the community, such as the area’s cigar factories, architecture, people, and more.



CENTRAL PARK

GASWORX

Central Park is booming with new development as new residential buildings with first-floor commercial retail space take shape with the development of Gasworx.

EAST TAMPA

MORE FUNDS FOR DOWN
PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

The Tampa CRA recently approved additional funding to the Down Payment Assistance Program for East Tampa. The program provides forgivable loans up to \$50,000 to eligible homebuyers who would like to purchase a home within one of Tampa’s community redevelopment areas. For more information, scan the QR code.



CHANNEL DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS

Work continues in the Channel District CRA on a major districtwide infrastructure improvement project that includes nine smaller projects to essentially complete the remainder of the drainage and streetscape improvements for the district.

The next phase of the project, on E. Whiting Street from N. 11th Street to Channelside Drive, will include landscaping, sidewalk improvements, upgraded on-street parking, street resurfacing and new curbing, and remediation of localized flooding.



DREW PARK

ROADWAY AND INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS

Safety, connectivity, and mobility are the top priorities for Drew Park’s Intersection Improvement Projects. Areas receiving upgrades include N. Hesperides Street, W. Crest Avenue, and various intersections on N. Hubert Avenue and N. Lois Avenue. After receiving recommendations about Drew Park, the community project is in the design phase with an anticipated completion of September 2025. The multi-phase construction project is scheduled to break ground in summer 2026.



DOWNTOWN, CENTRAL PARK, TAMPA HEIGHTS, EAST TAMPA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATES

Updates to the community redevelopment plans (CRP) for three of the urban core CRAs are expected to be approved in August, while East Tampa is planned for September. CRPs are essential in identifying the needs of the community, allowing for redevelopment programs to be funded and implemented.



YBOR CITY

COMMERCIAL GRANT SUCCESS - 2101 NORTH 22ND STREET

The Tampa CRA awarded Bennett, Jacobs, & Adams, P.A., a Façade Grant to help transform a blighted 1930s auto shop into a radiant new office building at 2101 N. 22nd Street. The renovation included new steel framing, a new glass-front façade, and energy-smart systems while preserving the architectural details of the structure to ensure the building fits within the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District.



WEST TAMPA

LIVY O'S - CRA COMMERCIAL GRANTS RECIPIENT

Tampa CRA recently awarded Commercial Interior and Exterior grants to Lennise Germany at Livy O's to help transform a vacant, undeveloped retail space located in the Renaissance at West River building at the corner of Main Street and Rome Avenue in the West Tampa CRA.

The new full-service restaurant is called Kulture Kitchen.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS



Melisa Martinez, Senior Projects Supervisor, and Bryce Fehringer, Urban Planner II, were invited on June 12 to make a presentation about Urban Planning in Tampa's community redevelopment areas to the Future Leaders in Planning (FLiP), a free, week-long program hosted by the Hillsborough City-County Planning Commission designed to introduce high school students to the field of urban planning.



TAMPA CRA SUMMER INTERNS



Tampa CRA was excited to have two interns this summer assisting staff with a variety of projects. Daqua Hall, an incoming freshman at Kent State University and third-year Summer Youth Intern, assisted our housing team with the implementation of the Housing Initiative Editor Application. Lauryn Green, a second-year graduate student at the University of Florida, assisted with our summer newsletter, increased social media engagement, and community outreach.



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Meeting Location:

Tampa City Council Chambers,
City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd.

Time: 9 a.m.

Upcoming CRA Board meetings:

- September 11
- November 13
- December 11



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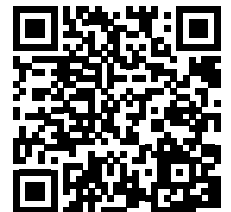
TAMPA CRA: WHAT IS A CRA?

The Tampa Community Redevelopment Agency is a public entity established under the guidelines of the Community Redevelopment Act (Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes) to implement community redevelopment activities within designated Community Redevelopment Areas or districts. Tampa has nine Community Redevelopment Areas: Central Park; Channel District; Downtown; Drew Park; East Tampa; Tampa Heights Riverfront; West Tampa; and Ybor City I and II. Tampa City Council serves as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Tampa, working closely with CRA staff and the community to improve the quality of life within each of the community redevelopment areas.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (CAC) MEETING SCHEDULES

Tampa CRA has eight Community Advisory Committees (CACs) servicing its nine redevelopment areas. These CACs hold monthly meetings, except for July and December, to solicit input from the community on redevelopment activities in their respective Community Redevelopment Plans.

All meetings are open to the public. Dates and times can be found by scanning the QR code.



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