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ESG Amendment

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The City of Tampa proposes to amend its PY 2026/FY 2027 Annual Action Plan. The following are the proposed changes:

Amendment #1: The City of Tampa was awarded $268,733 in Emergency Solutions grant (ESG) funding for Program Year 2026 / Fiscal Year 2027. The approved Annual Action Plan identified the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) as the entity that would administer the funds on the City's behalf. THHI subsequently notified the City that it would withdraw from that role. To maintain continuity of ESG-funded services, the City proposes to administer the funds through its Housing and Community Development Department or its designee and conduct its own competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process to select eligible nonprofit organizations for ESG subawards.

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Tampa is an entitlement jurisdiction as designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As such, the City is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding allocated through an annual formula process. The City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) department staff administers the federal HUD entitlement grant funds to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, and a suitable living environment to benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals/households and the special needs population within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Tampa. Partnerships with other vital City departments, nonprofit stakeholder organizations and input from the public assist HCD in accomplishing its goals to address the needs of the community.

This document represents the City of Tampa's Program Year 2026/Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which is the fifth year of the 5-Year 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan identified priority needs in affordable housing, addressing homelessness, as well as providing non-housing community development programs and services as the City's strategic approach to address gaps in these services and program needs over the five-year period. To identify these needs, the Consolidated Planning process considered census data and market conditions for a wide range of housing characteristics, including the number of available housing units, cost and condition of housing, homeless facilities and services, special needs facilities and services, and barriers to affordable housing. Further, citizens were provided opportunities for participation by identifying additional priority needs, participating in an on-line survey, a 30-day public comment period, and a series of public hearings. The Consolidated Plan presented a set of goals and priorities that the City will address over the five-year period and will be used as a benchmark for performance evaluations.

The Consolidated Plan strategy was also guided by the Mayor's Administration. Mayor Jane Castor initiated five advisory teams to provide a roadmap for guiding the implementation of key priorities of the Castor Administration: Transportation, Development Services, Workforce Development, Affordable Housing, and Sustainability/Resiliency. The overarching goal is to connect each team's recommendations into a strategic roadmap that supports the Mayor's vision. This Action Plan demonstrates the City's commitment to the community's needs and administration priorities.

This PY2026/FY2027 AAP describes the eligible activities that will contribute towards accomplishing the goals established in the Consolidated Plan. By addressing the identified priority needs, the City aims to

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improve the quality of life of residents, particularly Low to Moderate Income (LMI) residents in Tampa. Program Year 2026 starts on October 1, 2026, and ends on September 30, 2027.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Tampa has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data and citizen input in the PY2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The City has identified priority needs with associated goals to address those needs. In PY 2026/FY2027, the City will address the following priorities and goals:

Priority Need: Affordable Housing

Goal 1A Homeowner Assistance: Support homeownership opportunities through housing counseling efforts and direct financial assistance to potential eligible homeowners.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing, Outcome: Affordability, Outcome Indicator: Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 50 Households Assisted

Goal 1B New Construction: Provide affordable housing opportunities through the construction of new affordable units that will benefit low- to moderate-income households.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing, Outcome: Affordability, Outcome Indicator: Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Units & Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Units

Goal 1C Acquisition: To acquire property for the purpose of supporting the development/preservation of affordable housing to benefit low- to moderate-income households.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing, Outcome: Affordability; Outcome Indicator: Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit & Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit

Goal 1D Housing Rehabilitation: Maintain the existing affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied and multi-family rental housing units. The rehabilitation of deteriorated housing will support access and availability to decent and affordable housing by alleviating or eliminating hazardous and costly living conditions. The City will also use CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation program delivery activity.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing; Outcome: Affordability; Outcome Indicator: Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit & Homeowner Housing: 2 Household Housing Unit

Goal 1E Rental Assistance: Support access to affordable housing by providing rental assistance to qualified low-income or limited clientele populations. Rental assistance activities include tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and security deposit and utility assistance.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing; Outcome: Affordability; Outcome Indicator: Tenant-based rental assistance: 30 Households Assisted

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Goal 1F Supportive Housing Operations: Provide operating funds for organizations serving the homeless; at-risk of being homeless; or persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funding will assist with the management and operations of organizations providing TBRA, facility-based supportive housing, permanent supportive housing, and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (STRMU).
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing; Outcome: Affordability; Outcome Indicators: Tenant-based rental assistance: 268 Households Assisted, Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 23 Households, Housing Unit & HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 367 Household Housing Units.

Priority Need: Public Facilities & Infrastructure

Goal 2A Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements: Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements to benefit residents in low/mod areas. These activities may include improvements to neighborhood facilities, parks and recreational centers and other public facilities that provide services to low/mod clientele. Public improvements may include expansion and improved access to streets, sidewalks and ADA improvements.
- Objective: Create Suitable Living Environments; Outcome: Availability/Accessibility; Outcome Indicator: 4 Public Facilities; 8,000 persons assisted

Priority Need: Public Services

Goal 3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need: Promote the availability and accessibility to decent housing and a suitable living environment through funding public service activities including: housing placement services; supportive community-based outreach to support housing permanency; job counseling/training; childcare; independent living skills programs, youth programs, and senior programs.
- Objective: Create Suitable Living Environments; Outcome: Availability/Accessibility; Outcome Indicator: Public service activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 995 Persons Assisted

Priority Need: Homeless Services

Goal 4A Homeless Assistance: Support ending homelessness by funding organizations that provide homeless services including emergency shelter operations, rapid rehousing rental activities, homeless prevention and other emergency services.
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing; Outcome: Availability/Accessibility; Outcome Indicator: Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 46 Households Assisted & Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 527 Persons Assisted

Priority Need: Planning and Administration

Goal 5A Planning and Administration: Operate HUD programs and manage activities to carry out the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA grants. Activities include staff salaries, financial responsibility;

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and preparation of HUD required documents such as the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Assessment of Fair Housing.
- Objective: Create Suitable Living Environments; Outcome: Availability/Accessibility; Outcome Indicator: Other 1 (Admin of the program)

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Tampa, through partnerships with nonprofit service agencies, community housing providers, other City departments and local units of government, have made significant contributions to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities especially for LMI households in the community. The City however continues to recognize that affordable housing, public services for LMI and special needs groups, homeless services, and public improvements remain some of the highest priority needs in Tampa as documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent Program Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of HUD entitlement grants CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA in Tampa. In the most recent reporting program year 2024, the City highlighted these accomplishments by priority:

Housing Programs: For PY2024/FY2025, there were 543 LMI persons that received homebuyer education from local nonprofit partners. Households receiving housing counseling were eligible for the City's Mortgage Assistance (MAP), of which 70 LMI homebuyers received direct financial assistance with local resources rather than federal dollars. The City also funded a HOME TBRA program which provides rental assistance, and 32 LMI households were assisted with this program. The City has several housing projects in various stages of development, and these include new rental development and homeowner housing rehab activities.

Public Services: There were 398 LMI persons assisted through vital public services provided through City funded programs. Activities included services for persons with a disability, homeless services, employment training and senior services.

Homeless Assistance: The ESG program assisted 838 persons experiencing homelessness with overnight shelter operations and 54 households with rapid rehousing rental activities (consisting of 178 non-duplicated persons). Services offered at the shelter help individuals and families exit homelessness and rapid rehousing resources to help households transition to permanent, stable housing.

HOPWA: The HOPWA program assisted individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties. Supportive housing operations included housing subsidy assistance through tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), permanent/transitional housing placements, and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance (STRMU). There were 248 persons assisted with TBRA through HOPWA programs in PY2024/FY2025. There were 19 persons at risk of homelessness placed in

permanent housing and 23 persons placed in transitional housing. In addition, there were 89 persons assisted with STRMU. HOPWA Project Sponsors also provided supportive services such as case management, medical assistance and transportation to 1,057 persons.

ESG-RUSH Disaster Relief Grant

The Emergency Solutions Grant – Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) program was established by HUD to provide rapid assistance to communities affected by federally declared disasters by addressing homelessness and filling gaps in federal disaster assistance. Similar to the traditional Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, eligible activities include street outreach, emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) activities, and related services for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in disaster-affected areas.

The City of Tampa has received three separate ESG-RUSH allocations associated with two federally declared hurricane disasters.

On October 24, 2022, HUD announced the first round of ESG-RUSH funding in response to Hurricane Ian. The City of Tampa received an allocation of $799,599 to support disaster-related homeless assistance activities. These funds have been fully expended, and accomplishments were reported in the PY2023/FY2024 and PY2024/FY2025 CAPERs.

Following the impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, HUD announced a new round of ESG-RUSH funding on January 10, 2025. The City of Tampa received a first-round allocation of $1,000,000 to support ongoing disaster recovery efforts. These funds were incorporated into the PY2024/FY2025 Annual Action Plan. To date, partnering agencies have assisted 56 households through Rapid Re-Housing, 14 households, through Homelessness Prevention and 400 individuals through Street Outreach.

On April 16, 2026, HUD announced a second-round ESG-RUSH allocation of $1,066,228 to address the continuing housing and homelessness impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The City completed and submitted a Substantial Amendment to the PY2025/FY2026 Annual Action Plan in June 2026 to incorporate these additional funds. Implementation of the second-round activities is underway.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Tampa adheres closely to its Citizen Participation Plan, which provides guidelines for the minimum requirements in gathering input from citizens, in particular LMI residents and those with special needs with regards to the development of City community planning and development programs. The City recognizes the critical importance of a comprehensive, and effective citizen participation and stakeholder consultation process. Insights gained from this outreach are invaluable in developing a firm understanding of the community's needs and setting appropriate goals to make a meaningful difference in the City.

To complete the PY2026/FY2027 AAP the City's citizen participation process included a 30-day public comment period which allows the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the draft AAP. The City also hosted two public hearings to discuss the available funding and planned activities in this plan.

- Public Comment Period: A 30-day public comment period was held from **June 25, 2026, through July 25, 2026,** to allow the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the draft AAP. The document may be viewed online at http://www.tampa.gov/hcd. The document can also be viewed in the City Clerk's Office on the Second Floor of Old City Hall, 315 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602 and at the Housing and Community Development office located at 2555 E. Hanna Ave., Tampa, FL 33610.

- Public Hearing (1): A public hearing was held on **June 25, 2026, at 5:01 PM** to review and discuss the proposed AAP process and available funding at the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602. The hearing could be viewed on Spectrum Channel 640, Frontier Channel 15 on cable TV, and online at https://www.tampagov.net/livestream. Comments could be made in person or remotely at the hearing, via internet, voicemail, email and by mail.

- Public Hearing (2): A second public hearing was held on **July 23, 2026, at 5:01 PM** to discuss the Draft AAP at the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602. The hearing can be viewed on Spectrum Channel 640, Frontier Channel 15 on cable TV, and online at https://www.tampagov.net/livestream. Comments could be made in person or remotely at the hearing, via internet, voicemail, email and by mail.

- On-line public surveys were made available to the community members of the public and partner service agencies for input from June 18-July 25.

Partner agencies

https://form.jotform.com/261613240977156

Community members

https://form.jotform.com/261623103074042

This ESG Amendment was posted to the City of Tampa's HCD Website for public review for 15 days for public review beginning November 20, 2026.

https://www.tampa.gov/housing-and-community-development Details of the citizen participation process can be found in section AP-12 Citizen Participation.

5. Summary of public comments

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PUBLIC HEARING (1) June 25, 2026: There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING (2) July 23, 2026: There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 25, 2026-July 25, 2026

No Comments were received during the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: There were no comments made at the public meetings.

ONLINE SURVEY: The following comments were received from the online surveys: **The full survey is provided as an attachment to this document.**

Partner Agency Survey Comments/Priorities:

More money is needed to fix all these bad roads

Fix the streets. Stop patching 700 holes in the streets and pave them.

We need more quality housing that is affordable for young professionals like teachers, nurses and first responders.

We need a pedestrian crossing light at the corner of 40th Street and Regnas ave. We have two childcare facilities on both sides of the street and it's difficult for the families to cross the street when they get off the bus to get to the center or vice versa.

If childcare is unreachable it really sets back the family and community. Help is also needed in providing fair payment to Early Childhood Educators. Pre-K teachers can't afford to live in Tampa.

We need more Elderly rental assistance and self-sufficiency programs for mothers under 50 on the voucher program so elderly people can use those vouchers.

I think we can better serve our community by having something where families can be examined within 24 to 72 hours and have placement for homeless people also when there is an opportunity for growth, especially generational wealth in buying with more opportunity to obtain funds faster and more routes to do so.

We need more events together and a stronger unified boots-on-the-ground presence. Consistent collaboration and community engagement helps to build visibility, relationships, and opportunities.

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Thank you for your continued efforts to expand homeownership opportunities in Tampa. As a preferred REALTOR® partner, I would welcome opportunities to collaborate with the City to help educate, support, and guide families through the homebuying process. Continued investment in down payment assistance, affordable housing initiatives, and community outreach will make a meaningful impact for Tampa residents.

Our city is suffering. We have limited resources.

I think the City is on the right track in helping families to become stable. However, I think there could be better collaboration with the social service agencies to provide wrap around services for families, especially for rent and utilities assistance. This will help to ensure we are not just throwing good money at bad situations.

With rising costs and wages that do not rise with them, we are seeing an increase in need within our community. As someone who works in assisting families with obtaining childcare assistance, I've spoken with numerous people who, even with the help, are not enough. Many tend to struggle with food and housing security, although I strongly agree with many of the options. The right to food and housing should be addressed first if possible.

Community Member Survey Comments/Priorities:

Supporting new construction and renovations due to the city of Tampa being made up of a lot of older areas.

Small business grants or loans, Job training and apprenticeships, Workforce certification programs, Business coaching and technical assistance, Youth employment programs

Street outreach, Housing placement and case management, Rapid rehousing, Emergency Shelter, Rental Assistance, Mental Health services, Permanent Housing & Substance abuse treatment centers

Affordable housing, Housing placement and case management, Home repair assistance, Permanent supportive housing

Childcare, Youth programs, Financial education, Food assistance, Disability services

Details of the citizen participation process can be found in section **AP-12 Citizen Participation**.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments are welcomed and accepted.

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7. Summary

The PY2026/FY2027 Action Plan is the final year of the 5-Year PY2022-2026 Consolidated Plan which identified the priority needs and goals used in this AAP. The priority needs of the City were identified through a comprehensive citizen participation outreach effort which included a community survey that was held online; a stakeholder survey for community nonprofit organizations; consultation by nonprofit partners and regional service partners; and finally, a review of the needs assessment and housing market analysis in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	TAMPA	City of Tampa/Housing and Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	TAMPA	City of Tampa/Housing and Community Development
HOME Administrator	TAMPA	City of Tampa/Housing and Community Development
ESG Administrator	TAMPA	City of Tampa/Housing and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Staff of the City of Tampa and community partnering agencies are responsible for the implementation of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. For each year of the Consolidated Plan the City's HCD department will submit an Annual Action Plan, which will serve as the City's application for the program year funds. At the end of each program year, HCD is responsible for submitting the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

In developing the PY2026/FY2027AAP, the City of Tampa conducted a thorough outreach effort to engage with citizens as well as critical stakeholders. The major needs and goals in the AAP were derived from the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The continuing outreach efforts for the AAP were designed to record stakeholder input and develop projects and activities that will address the needs and priority goals identified in the 5-Year plan. This section explains the City's consultation efforts and coordination between the City, residents, local agencies and affordable housing and service providers.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City of Tampa actively coordinates with the Tampa Housing Authority (THA) to address the provision of affordable housing opportunities for the City's lowest income residents, ideally housing located in communities with access to jobs, transportation, and healthcare options. The City supports THA's large-scale redevelopment efforts, which includes mixed-use development, provision of social services, and other activities supporting health and housing sustainability. The City prioritizes developing and maintaining safe, and sanitary housing units that will benefit those emerging from homelessness.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City is an active member of the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and works closely with counterparts in Hillsborough County and THHI to address homelessness in our area. The City collaborates with the Hillsborough County Affordable Housing office and Homeless Services staff to fund housing, public service and public facilities projects that mutually benefit Tampa and County residents. Additionally, the City of Tampa coordinates with its neighboring local government partners, including Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando Counties resulting in a streamlined HOPWA EMSA administrative process, coordination on regional fair housing efforts, and fair lending education and outreach efforts.

Affordable housing is a critical need in our region and staff continue to work with non-profit, for-profit, businesses and advocates to increase the funding for and the supply of affordable housing. City staff conduct regular technical assistance workshops throughout the year to better coordinate with our non-profit partners.

The City of Tampa consults with THHI, the lead CoC responsible for coordinating social service providers, homelessness outreach, and services targeted to persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Tampa and in Hillsborough County. Consultation with THHI is conducted through multiple interactions, including direct engagement with providers working in coordination with THHI, one-on-one interaction with THHI officials, and during CoC coordination sessions and regular meetings.

Officials from the City of Tampa serve on THHI's board of directors, facilitating constant communication with THHI and its efforts to address the needs of homeless persons in the City, and in surrounding regions. In addition to board leadership, the City of Tampa coordinates with THHI on a variety of programs and initiatives, including the annual Point In Time (PIT) homeless count.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

The City of Tampa's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department or its designee will administer the City's PY 2026 / FY 2027 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds following the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative's (THHI) withdrawal from its planned grant administration role.

To maintain performance standards, as a member of the CoC, the City has a voice in the development of performance standards for the CoC funded subrecipients. The CoC at large provides input and helps THHI develop, work toward, and meet performance standards for the region's social service providers and agencies. Additionally, the City assists in developing an effective Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) management system through its active role on THHI's Advisory Committee.

The Clarity Information Network ("Clarity") is the Continuum of Care's HMIS. HMIS is a shared, secure data system used by community partner agencies that assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It collects information about the people being served through the homeless system of care. A community dashboard and system performance measures are located on the THHI website at: https://www.thhi.org/coc-data-dashboard

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Tampa Housing and Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Tampa Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the lead agency responsible for the AAP.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Homeless Regional organization Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-Poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) is the local Continuum of Care. THHI is responsible for coordinating social service providers, homelessness outreach, and services targeted to persons experiencing homelessness in the area.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Tampa Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-Based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	THA is the local housing authority (PHA). The City works with THA for the public housing needs of residents in the City.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-Based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-Poverty Strategy Corrections programs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City partners with Hillsborough County on initiatives such as homelessness with the CoC. The County will continue to be consulted with homeless, housing and HOPWA needs.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CDC of Tampa, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CDC of Tampa is a local nonprofit that helps to create opportunities to build prosperous and vibrant communities in Tampa. The organization works with the City with homeownership and employment resources. Agency will be consulted with during future planning processes and on economic development strategies.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Dawning Family Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services - Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Dawning Family Services provides emergency homeless prevention and works with at-risk and homeless families and children in Tampa. The agency will continue to be consulted with homeless needs.

7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Hillsborough County School Readiness Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services – Education Services – Screening & Support Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hillsborough County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. d/b/a Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County helps to prepare children in the community for success with its early learning programs. Agency will continue to be consulted with community development needs.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Metropolitan Ministries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless Service – Housing Search & Placement
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Metropolitan Ministries serves the homeless in Tampa and surrounding communities. The agency will continue to be consulted with the homeless needs in the City.
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Real Estate Education and Community Housing, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing Service - Seniors
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Real Estate Education and Community Housing Inc. (REACH) provides housing counseling in Tampa. Agency will continue to be consulted with housing and community development needs.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Seniors in Service, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Seniors in Service provides vital public services for the elderly population in Tampa. Agency will continue to be consulted with community development needs.
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Solita's House, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing Service – Home Preservation Outreach (Seniors)
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Solita’s House, Inc. provides housing counseling in Tampa. The agency will be consulted during future planning processes, and this coordination is expected to improve outcomes related to understanding local conditions in lending and credit readiness.
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Housing & Education Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing & Education Alliance provides housing counseling in Tampa. The agency will be consulted during future planning processes.
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Tampa Office of Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Disaster Preparedness
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Office of Emergency Management OEM leads the city in emergency planning, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery of major natural and human caused disasters. OEM provides coordination and leadership to city departments, stakeholders and citizens. The office also manages Alert Tampa, which is the official free emergency alert system in the City.
14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	BroadbandNow
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis Community Development

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	BroadbandNow is a research organization which publishes data on the digital divide and impact of highspeed internet in society. Its mission is to help find and compare internet options with a goal to bring attention to underserved areas and help raise awareness of the importance of broadband access. The city consulted with the BroadbandNow website for broadband access and identified highspeed internet providers in the city.
15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	PINELLAS COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other Government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City partners with Pinellas County on initiatives such as HOPWA services.
16	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HERNANDO COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Other Government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City partners with Hernando County on initiatives such as HOPWA services.
17	**Agency/Group/Organization**	BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	BayCare Behavioral Health is one of the City HOPWA Sponsors and works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region. Agency will continue to be consulted with HOPWA needs.
18	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Boley Centers, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Boley Centers, Inc. is one of the City HOPWA Sponsors and works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region. Agency will continue to be consulted with HOPWA needs.
19	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Catholic Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs – Veterans Homeless Needs – Unaccompanied Youth Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Catholic Charities is one of the City HOPWA Sponsors and works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region. The agency also provides homeless street outreach and works with homeless persons in Tampa. Agency will continue to be consulted with HOPWA and homeless needs.
20	**Agency/Group/Organization**	EPIC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Empath Partners in Care (EPIC) is one of the City HOPWA Sponsors and works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region. Agency will continue to be consulted with HOPWA needs.
21	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Metro Inclusive Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services - Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Metro Inclusive Health is one of the City HOPWA Sponsors and works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region. Agency will continue to be consulted with HOPWA needs.
22	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Positively U
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Positively U works to provide housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the region.
23	**Agency/Group/Organization**	The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc provides safe haven, emergency shelter, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence. The City consults with the Spring on homeless needs.
24	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Tampa Planning Department and Tampa Hillsborough Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services – Housing Needs/Data
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment /Planning Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Planning Department and HCPC work together to determine housing needs of residents in the City.
25	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services provides housing counseling in Tampa. Agency will continue to be consulted with housing and community development needs.
26	**Agency/Group/Organization**	The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Salvation Army, Inc provides safe haven, emergency shelter, and supportive services to those facing homelessness. The City consults with the Salvation Army on homeless needs.
27	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Rebuilding Together Greater Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services – Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Rebuilding Together Greater Florida is a nonprofit that helps to create opportunities to build prosperous and vibrant communities in Tampa. The organization works with the City with home repair and affordable housing opportunities. Agency will be consulted during future planning processes and on housing strategies.
28	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County Florida, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County Florida, Inc. is a nonprofit that helps to create opportunities to build prosperous and vibrant communities in Tampa. The organization works with the City to facilitate homeownership for low-income individuals and families. Agency will be consulted during future planning processes and on economic development strategies.
29	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lighthouse for the Blind & Low Vision
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Tampa Lighthouse is a nonprofit that helps to create opportunities for those that are blind or visually impaired in Tampa. The organization works with the City to provide services to individuals and families to provide resources and training for the vision impaired. Agency will be consulted during future planning processes and on community development strategies.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

There will be no agency types intentionally not consulted. All comments will be welcome and accepted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI)	The plan is consistent with the goals and strategic plan of the Continuum of Care in addressing homelessness.
Tampa Regional Analysis of Impediments	Tampa Housing Authority	The Housing Authority, along with the City of Tampa, prepared a regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) to meet its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and to identify barriers to fair housing choice in the region. The goals identified in the AI correspond to the target areas selected in this Consolidated Plan.
West Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan	West Tampa CRA	The West Tampa Redevelopment Plan includes specific goals that aim to revitalize the area by focusing on community engagement, improving neighborhood quality of life, fostering economic advancement, providing attainable housing options, and enhancing connectivity. The plan seeks to involve residents in decision-making processes, enhance public spaces and infrastructure, support local businesses and job creation, increase affordable housing options, and improve transportation options to create a thriving and inclusive community in West Tampa. This plan aligns with the goals identified in the City's Strategic Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan	East Tampa CRA	The East Tampa Redevelopment Plan includes specific goals, including promoting community engagement to ensure residents have a voice in the redevelopment process, improving neighborhood quality of life by enhancing public spaces and infrastructure, fostering economic advancement through business development and recruitment, providing attainable housing options for residents of all income levels, and improving connectivity within the neighborhood to enhance accessibility and mobility. This plan aligns with the goals identified in the City's Strategic Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Tampa regularly engages with regional local governments, and government agencies, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. In particular, as the administrator for three counties in the HOPWA service area, the City of Tampa works directly with officials from Hernando, Hillsborough, and Pasco Counties. The City of St Petersburg received its first separate allocation for HOPWA funds to serve Pinellas County for this upcoming program year. Officials from each of these units of government offer regular insight into local needs to ensure HOPWA funds are allocated in a cost-effective and impactful manner.

The City of Tampa is engaged with the Tampa Housing Authority (THA) to identify high need areas where the City could provide affordable housing and homelessness assistance.

The City also works closely with Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) to address homeless initiatives in the City. Public organizations across the CoC area as well as public entities such as the Hillsborough County Homeless and Community Services Departments are part of the Continuum of Care.

Finally, the City of Tampa administers its State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding, allocated by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, as well as Local Housing Program Funds and Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds provided through the City of Tampa. These funds are used by the City of Tampa to meet the HOME match requirement and are a critical source of housing subsidy for a variety of programs and services.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

To complete its Annual Action Plan and solicit meaningful input from the public, the City of Tampa conducted a citizen participation process in accordance with its citizen participation plan. A 30-day public comment period was held to allow the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the proposed 2026 Annual Action Plan. The City also hosted two public hearings and an on-line survey to discuss the funding and activities in this Annual Action Plan.

For details of citizen participation outreach efforts taken by the City, see the following table.

Citizen Participation Outreach

(see following table below)

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL	
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period was held from **June 25, 2026, through July 25, 2026,** to allow the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the draft AAP. The document may be viewed online at http://www.tampa.gov/hcd. The document can also be viewed in the City Clerk Office on the Third Floor of Old City Hall, 315 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602 and at the Housing and Community Development office located at 2555 E. Hanna Ave., Tampa, FL 33610.	No comments were received.	All comments are accepted.	http://www.tampagov.net/Public Comment	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on **June 25, 2026 at 5:01 PM** to review and discuss the proposed AAP at the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602. The hearing could be viewed on Spectrum Channel 640, Frontier Channel 15 on cable TV, and online at https://www.tampagov.net/livestream. Comments could be made in person or remotely at the hearing, via internet, voicemail, and by mail.	There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.	All comments were accepted.	https://www.tampagov.net/ livestream	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A second public hearing was held on **July 23, 2026, at 5:01 PM** to discuss the AAP at the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602. The hearing can be viewed on Spectrum Channel 640, Frontier Channel 15 on cable TV, and online at https://www.tampagov.net/livestream. Comments could be made in person or remotely at the hearing, via internet, voicemail, and by mail.	There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.	All comments are accepted.	https://www.tampagov.net/ livestream	
4	Public Survey	Non-Targeted/broad community	A public survey was distributed to community organizations and citizens between June 18, 2026 to July 25, 2026 to gather information on the housing and community development needs in the City.	Priority Needs include: Affordable Housing, Homeless Services, Employment Services, Child Care, Repair programs	All comments are accepted.	Partner agencies https://form.jotform.com/261613240977156 Community members https://form.jotform.com/261623103074042	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL	
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-Targeted/broad community	Legal Ads were placed in the Tampa Bay Times newspapers prior to each public hearing to announce the availability of opportunities to participate in the Action Plan process.	There were no comments received from the public notices.	All Comments are accepted.	https://www.tampa.gov/document/public-notice-notice-public-hearing-and-30-day-public-comment-period-concerning-housing	
6	Internet Outreach	Non-Targeted/broad community	Legal Ads and Notices were published on the City of Tampa HCD website for all Public Hearings, and Public Comment Periods.	There were no comments received from the public notices.	All Comments are accepted.	https://www.tampa.gov/document/public-notice-notice-public-hearing-and-30-day-public-comment-period-concerning-housing	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

This Annual Action Plan presents the City of Tampa's strategic approach to addressing housing and community development needs for PY 2026/FY2027. The City will pursue strategies focused on assistance for affordable housing development and assistance for LMI households, services for persons experiencing homelessness, housing and supportive services for individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS, and support for vital public services that improve the quality of life for LMI residents and special need communities in Tampa. The City anticipates it will receive federal CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA grant funds to address these needs. PY 2026/FY2026 grant allocations are outlined in the following table below. The "Annual Allocation" field doesn't accept cents. The HOME allocation is $ 1,520,161.73.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Facility Infrastructure Improvements Demolition Public Services	3,003,556	100,000	$269,226.11	3,372,782.11	0	PY 2026 is the fifth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 0x more years of the annual allocation and program income.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership CHDO TBRA	1,520,161.73	100,000	1,551,714.83	3,171,876.56	0	PY 2026 is the fifth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 0x more years of the annual allocation and program income.

HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	3,785,679	0	0	3,785,679	0	PY 2026 is the fifth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 0x more years of the annual allocation.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight and Emergency Shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Street Outreach Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	268,733	0	0	268,733	0	PY 2026 is the fifth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 0x more years of the annual allocation.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

The City utilizes the federal funds to support projects and program activities implemented by City staff as well as non-profit organizations, developers, and other community partners. For these projects and programs to be successful, other state and local funding sources including in-kind resources are annually leveraged with the federal funding to provide resources for additional programming available to the low to moderate income community, as well as to cover expenditures that may not be allowed under the HUD CPD programs or to cover indirect costs. The source of these additional funds will depend on the nature of the activity. For example, funds provided for public service and public facilities activities will be matched by the agencies receiving the funding from other sources, including public and private grants as well as foundations and individual agency fundraising efforts.

The City is required to provide matching funds from non-federal sources to receive certain federal housing grants. The HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program generally requires a 25% non-federal match, although HUD may reduce this requirement for jurisdictions designated as fiscally distressed or those impacted by a Presidential disaster declaration. The City anticipates meeting the HOME match requirement through eligible expenditures under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program requires a dollar-for-dollar (1:1) match. Matching funds are provided by ESG subrecipients selected through the City's annual competitive application process, with the availability of matching funds serving as one factor in funding recommendations.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program does not require matching funds. Similarly, the Emergency Solutions Grant – Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) program does not require matching funds, allowing the City and its subrecipients to fully utilize grant funds to address disaster-related housing instability and homelessness.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Florida Statutes Section 166.0451, Disposition of municipal property for affordable housing, requires that cities create an inventory list of real property with fee simple title appropriate for affordable housing. Tampa maintains the inventory of City-owned surplus land through its Real Estate Division and is updated per the Florida State Statute. Disposition of City Owned property is done through the City's Procurement process.

The City continues to implement a single-family infill project with an income limit up to 140% AMI (SHIP funds used for families above 80% AMI) to encourage growth and revitalization of older neighborhoods. The program to date includes 135 City owned properties with a tax value of approximately $1,000,000. The creation of housing units in distressed areas deconcentrates poverty, increases wealth and stabilizes surrounding neighborhoods. These properties completed in phase one and two of the Infill Program are now worth over $7 million dollars and are generating tax revenue for the City and the CRA. To date more than 118 homes have been completed and 18 lots are under development with various developer/builder agencies. The partnerships which include large and small for-profit builders, and non-profit builders such as CDC of Tampa, East Tampa Business and Community Development Association, and Habitat for Humanity have yielded many successes. As property values increase, the City's Infill program continues to spur additional development of housing and local businesses. These affordable housing opportunities are seen as the engine to further opportunities that will help foster community investment and the improvement of neighborhoods for future generations.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

The City will make efforts to address affordable housing needs and provide the largest impact to beneficiaries by funding various activities including but not limited to the following: direct financial assistance to homeowners; tenant-based rental assistance; and new and preserved affordable rental and home ownership housing construction. The City will dedicate CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds towards addressing affordable housing needs during PY2026/FY2027 to assist approximately 437 households.

Goals Summary Information

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1A Homeowner Assistance	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Tampa CRAs	Affordable Housing	CDBG: $0 HOME: $0	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: Households Assisted 5

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1B New Construction	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Tampa CRAs	Affordable Housing	HOME: $540,121	Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit
1C Acquisition	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Tampa CRAs	Affordable Housing	CDBG: $ 0	Rental units constructed: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
1D Housing Rehabilitation/Clearance	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Tampa Citywide Eligible Areas	Affordable Housing	CDBG: $400,000 HOME: $0	Housing units Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Units
1E Rental Assistance	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	HOME: $600,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1F Supportive Housing Operations	2022	2026	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	HOPWA EMSA	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: $3,672,109	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): 156 Households Assisted; Housing Operations: 47 Households Assisted; Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU): 130 Households Assisted; Supportive Services: 200 Households Assisted.
2A Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development/Infrastructure	Citywide Eligible Areas	Public Facilities and Infrastructure; Special Economic Development	CDBG: $820,651	Public Facilities Improved: 5; Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons assisted

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need	2022	2026	Non-homeless Special Needs, Non-housing Community Development	Citywide Tampa CRAs	Public Services and Housing Counseling	CDBG: $850,533	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4A Homeless Assistance	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide Eligible Areas	Homeless Services	ESG: $255,296	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 527 Persons Assisted
5A Planning and Administration	2022	2026		Citywide HOPWA EMSA	Planning and Administration	CDBG: $600,711 HOPWA: $113,570 HOME: $152,016 ESG: $13,436	Other: 4

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need	2022	2026		Citywide Tampa CRAs	Economic Development	CDBG: $0	Persons Assisted Public service activities for Non-Housing Community Development - Business Assistance - 5

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	1A Homeowner Assistance
	Goal Description	Support homeownership opportunities through housing counseling efforts and direct financial assistance to potential eligible applicants seeking to become homeowners.
2	**Goal Name**	1B New Construction
	Goal Description	Provide affordable housing opportunities through the construction of new affordable units that will benefit low- to moderate-income households.

3	**Goal Name**	1C Acquisition
	Goal Description	To acquire property for the purpose of affordable housing development to benefit low- to moderate-income households.
4	**Goal Name**	1D Housing Rehabilitation/Clearance
	Goal Description	Provide affordable housing preservation through single and multi-family housing rehab that will benefit low- to moderate-income households, including clearance/demolition in support of housing rehab/reconstruction.
5	**Goal Name**	1E Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Support access to affordable housing by providing rental assistance to qualified low-income or limited clientele populations. Rental assistance activities include tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and security deposit and utility assistance.
6	**Goal Name**	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Goal Description	Provide operating funds for organizations serving the homeless; at-risk of being homeless; or persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funding will assist with the management and operations of organizations providing TBRA, facility-based supportive housing, permanent supportive housing, supportive services, and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (STRMU).
7	**Goal Name**	2A Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Provide funding to help with building/program expansion, or improved access for LMI and special needs groups. The City will also improve or expand public infrastructure and facilities to meet these needs in LMI areas of the City.
8	**Goal Name**	3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need
	Goal Description	Promote the availability and accessibility to decent housing and a suitable living environment through funding public service activities including housing placement services; supportive community-based outreach to support housing permanency; job counseling/training; independent living skills programs; business assistance; youth programs; childcare; services for disabled/special needs persons; senior programs, etc.

9	**Goal Name**	4A Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	Support ending homelessness by funding organizations to provide homeless services including emergency shelter operations, rapid rehousing rental activities, street outreach, homeless prevention and other emergency services.
10	**Goal Name**	5A Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Operate HUD programs and manage activities to carry out the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA grants. Activities include staff salaries, financial responsibility; and preparation of HUD required documents such as the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Assessment of Fair Housing.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This AAP presents the City of Tampa's strategic approach to addressing affordable housing and community development needs for PY2026. The City will pursue programs and activities focused on assistance for affordable housing development and rental assistance for LMI households, services for persons experiencing homelessness, housing and supportive services for individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS, and support for vital public services that improve the quality of life for LMI residents and special need communities in Tampa. CDBG has a total grant cap of 20% allowable for admin costs, and a 15% grant cap allowed for all combined public services. HOME has a 10% grant admin cap, and 15% of HOME funds must be allocated to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) for affordable housing development activities. The ESG and HOPWA programs have an administration grant cap of 7% and 3.0% respectively.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	CDBG Public Services
3	CDBG Property Acquisition
4	CDBG Housing Counseling
5	CDBG Down Payment Assistance
6	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation/Clearance
7	CDBG Business Assistance- Economic Development
8	CDBG Public Facilities and Infrastructure
9	HOME Administration
10	HOME CHDO Set Aside 15%
11	HOME Down Payment Assistance
12	HOME TBRA
13	HOME Non-CHDO Housing Development
14	ESG Program
15	HOPWA Administration
16	HOPWA Baycare Behavioral
17	HOPWA Catholic Charities
18	HOPWA Empath Partners in Care (EPIC)
19	HOPWA Metro Inclusive Health

Table 3 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Tampa, like many communities around the country, is suffering from an affordable housing shortage and increasing housing costs. This AAP prioritizes affordable housing development activities, rental assistance and affordable housing opportunities as well as support services, public facilities and economic development activities.

The City will also support availability/accessibility to decent housing and a suitable living environment by funding organizations providing essential services for LMI and special needs populations. The City will assist non-profit organizations in carrying out public service activities assisting LMI persons and families, youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

HOPWA funds will continue to provide assistance to persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS. These activities will be in the form of rental assistance, permanent housing placements and supporting housing services.

The City has identified a high need to support ending homelessness by providing funds to organizations carrying out and administering homeless activities including homeless prevention, outreach, emergency shelters, and HMIS. The City has allocated Housing Program Funds (General Funds) to support the City's Homeless citizens, or those facing homelessness. Adequate funds to address all identified needs is an obstacle in meeting underserved needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance 1C Acquisition 3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need 5A Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Public Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: $600,711
	Description	Citywide administration of the PY 2026 CDBG program.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Citywide administration of the CDBG program.
2	**Project Name**	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $450,533 (Maximum $450,533)
	Description	Public services for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, who meet eligibility criteria.
	Target Date	9/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing and non-housing Benefit: 500 to be assisted with Public Service activities.
	Location Description	Citywide eligible areas
	Planned Activities	**MacDonald Training Center:** Funding will support specialized vocational training and placement services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including the neurodiverse and Deaf communities. Through its licensed post-secondary institution, eMerge, MTC offers industry-standard certifications in fields such as technology, logistics, environmental services, and hospitality. $50,000 **Tampa YMCA:** The Veggie Van is a free program that provides nutritious produce to food-insecure populations within the City of Tampa. The program offers seniors living in Hillsborough Department of Aging Services owned apartments within the City of Tampa bi-monthly distributions of fresh produce, helping to reduce the risk of diet-related conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. $100,000 **Metropolitan Ministries, Inc.**: Funding will provide support for the adult education program. Rise to the Top, is an on-site adult education and job training program serving approximately 70 unduplicated residents at Miracle Place shelter annually. Participants receive individualized assessments and education plans to pursue GEDs or vocational certifications in high-demand fields such as healthcare, IT, and project management. $100,000 **CDC of Tampa: Pre- Apprenticeship Training and Hiring (PATH)** Funding will provide funding to support the PATH Program that provides no-cost vocational training to 20 low-income residents (ages 18+) entering masonry, carpentry, and electrical trades. The initiative includes a 32-hour job readiness course and six weeks of skilled training at the Tampa Vocational Institute where participants earn certifications including OSHA 30, NCCER, FDOT Flagger, and Forklift. $100,000 **Seniors in Service:** The Senior Companion Services program provides essential in-person companionship, telephone reassurance, and small-group activities to help high-risk, elders aged 62+ age in place. $100,533

3	**Project Name**	CDBG Property Acquisition
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1C Acquisition
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $0
	Description	To acquire land for the purpose of the development of affordable housing for eligible low- to moderate-income households.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Existing structures/Vacant Land Acquired: Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide eligible
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Property acquisition: 0
4	**Project Name**	CDBG Housing Counseling
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $400,000
	Description	Housing counseling services to help low-moderate income families to achieve the dream of homeownership.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Housing service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 persons assisted.
	Location Description	Citywide eligible

	Planned Activities	Planned activities for housing counseling include: Housing counseling services to help low-moderate income families to achieve the dream of homeownership. This award will be for Housing Counseling and the application processing for the City's Mortgage Assistance Program. **Housing & Education Alliance: $100,000** **Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services: $100,000** **Solita's House: $100,000** **REACH: $100,000**
5	**Project Name**	CDBG Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $0
	Description	Provide for direct financial assistance for eligible low- to moderate income homebuyers in the Mortgage Assistance Program. This activity will also generate program income to be utilized for this program in the future.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Mortgage Assistance Program, down payment assistance: $0
6	**Project Name**	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation/Clearance
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1D Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $831,661

	Description	Provide affordable housing preservation through housing rehab that will benefit low- to moderate-income households, as well as clearance of blighted structures.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rental units Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: 10 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Program delivery: $431,661 Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Multi-Family Rental Rehabilitation
7	**Project Name**	CDBG Business Assistance – Economic Development
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	3A Public Services for LMI & Special Need 2A Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing, Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $0
	Description	Provide funding for micro-enterprises, Low Mod Job creation/retention, and suitable living environment that will benefit low- and moderate-income households. In addition to providing funding for business improvements under Special Economic Development.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Business Assisted: 5 Jobs Created: 0
	Location Description	Citywide eligible
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Small Business Assistance, Job Creation Programs, Technical Assistance Grants, Facility Improvements, Special Economic Development.

8	**Project Name**	CDBG Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	2A Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing, Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: $820,651
	Description	Provide funding to help with building/program expansion, or improved access for LMI and special needs groups to public facilities. The City will also improve or expand public infrastructure to meet these needs in LMI areas of the City.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facilities Assisted: 3, Persons Assisted 2000
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Dawning Family Solutions Center Improvements: $500,000 Metropolitan Ministries – Sullivan Partnership School Playground - $128,156
9	**Project Name**	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance 1B New Construction 1E Rental Assistance 5A Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: $152,016
	Description	Citywide administration of the PY 2026 HOME program.
	Target Date	9/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Citywide administration of the HOME program.
10	**Project Name**	HOME CHDO Set Aside 15%
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance 1B New Construction
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: $228,024.43 (Minimum)
	Description	The City has set aside at least 15% of the HOME allocation for CHDO housing development activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CHDO housing development activities.
11	**Project Name**	HOME Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1A Homeowner Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: $0
	Description	The City will provide direct financial assistance to eligible low- to moderate-income homebuyers through the Down Payment Assistance Program. This activity will also generate program income to be utilized for this program in the future.
	Target Date	9/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Down Payment Assistance Program: $0
12	**Project Name**	HOME TBRA
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1E Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: $600,000
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance to families emerging from homelessness. Rental assistance will be paid for a year and case management will be provided.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Tenant-based rental assistance: 36 Households Assisted (housed and provided with case management services).
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include: Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program Agencies will utilize HOME funds to provide a TBRA for persons who are extremely low- and low-income that are at-risk of homelessness or unstably housed with priority for veterans or special needs populations. The program will assist 36 households in the City of Tampa limits. EPIC - $425,000 Survivor Ventures - $175,000
13	**Project Name**	HOME Non-CHDO Housing Development
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas

	Goals Supported	1D Housing Rehabilitation; 1B New Construction
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: $640,121
	Description	Provide affordable housing preservation through multi-family housing rehab that will benefit low- to moderate-income households. And provide affordable housing opportunities through the construction of new affordable units that will benefit low- to moderate-income households.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rental units Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: New Construction and Rehabilitation of Multi-Family Rental Housing.
14	**Project Name**	ESG Program
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	4A Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	ESG: $268,733
	Description	The ESG 2026 program will provide rapid rehousing assistance for individuals and families who are homeless and provide a safe haven, emergency shelter, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence. The City of Tampa's Housing and Community Development (HCD) or its designee will administer the ESG funding.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 600 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include: ESG Admin: $13,436 ACTIVITIES: Homeless Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, and HMIS.
15	**Project Name**	HOPWA Administration
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations 5A Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: $113,570
	Description	Administration of the HOPWA program. City staff will complete the reporting, accounting and other administrative duties for the grants. Total amount planned for admin is no more than 3% for the City. Please note that the admin cap is no more than 7% for each project sponsor under HOPWA.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOPWA program.
16	**Project Name**	HOPWA Baycare Behavioral
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: $280,040

	Description	Baycare Behavioral Health Care, Inc. uses HOPWA funds to provide permanent, supportive housing assistance for households infected and affected by HIV/AIDS residing in Spring Hill, and New Port Richey, FL. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 13 Household Housing Units (PSH)
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hernando and Pasco Counties.
	Planned Activities	Baycare Behavioral Health Care, Inc. uses HOPWA funds to provide permanent, supportive housing assistance for households infected and affected by HIV/AIDS residing in Spring Hill, and New Port Richey, FL. Specifically, HOPWA funds will be used to provide preventative maintenance and repairs, operating and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 13 households with scattered permanent supportive housing in Hernando and Pasco Counties.
17	**Project Name**	HOPWA Catholic Charities
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: $1,406,761
	Description	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County. Mercy Apartments provides facility-based supportive housing operations of Mercy Apartments. Mercy House will provide facility-based transitional supportive housing operations of Mercy House. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBRA: 80 households in Hillsborough County. Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 34 households with permanent supportive housing in Hillsborough County

	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough and Hernando County
	Planned Activities	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) uses HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County. HOPWA funds will assist 80 households in Hillsborough County. $915,212 Mercy House utilizes HOPWA funds to provide facility-based transitional supportive housing operations of Mercy House. HOPWA funds will pay for direct services, operations and administrative costs to income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS**.** HOPWA funds will assist 30 households with permanent supportive housing in Hillsborough County. $425,000 Mercy Apartments utilizes HOPWA funds to provide facility-based supportive housing operations of Mercy Apartments. HOPWA funds will pay for direct services, operations and administrative costs to income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS**.** HOPWA funds will assist 4 households with permanent supportive housing in Hillsborough County. $66,549
18	**Project Name**	HOPWA Empath Partners in Care (EPIC)
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: $1,363,308
	Description	Empath Partners in Care provides tenant-based rental assistance, and supportive services programs for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBRA: 12 households in Pasco County TBRA: 64 households in Hillsborough County Supportive Services: 70 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County.
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County, Pinellas County

	Planned Activities	Supportive Services Hillsborough, EPIC provides supportive services that include adult mental health and substance abuse counseling, adult recreational therapy, children's support services, nutritional services, and transportation. HOPWA funds will provide income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS will assist with supportive services and assist with operating and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 70 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. $168,308 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Pasco County, EPIC will provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Pasco County. HOPWA funds will be utilized to provide rental assistance vouchers, program operations, and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 12 unduplicated households in Pasco County. $245,000 TBRA - Hillsborough County, EPIC provides tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County. HOPWA funds will be utilized to provide rental assistance vouchers and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 64 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. $950,000
19	**Project Name**	HOPWA Metro Inclusive Health
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: $622,000
	Description	Metro Inclusive Health uses HOPWA funds to provide supportive services to those living with HIV/AIDS residing in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 130 households in Hillsborough and Pasco County (STRMU) and Support Services
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County, Pasco County

	Planned Activities	Metro Inclusive Health provides short term rent/mortgage/utility assistance (STRMU) and supportive services that include adult mental health and substance abuse counseling, adult recreational therapy, children's support services, nutritional services, and transportation. HOPWA funds will provide income-eligible persons with HIV/AIDS will assist with supportive services and assist with operating and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 130 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County and Pasco Counties. STRMU Hillsborough County: $297,000 STRMU Pasco County: $100,000 Support Services Hillsborough County: $225,000

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The City has four target areas. East Tampa, West Tampa, Citywide Eligible Areas and HOPWA EMSA. Please see below for a summary of each. This information is also located in the SP-10 of the 2022-2027 Consolidated Plan.

East Tampa: The East Tampa target area is defined by 10 specific census tracts. These census tracts are: 12057001800; 12057003000; 12057003100; 12057003200; 12057003300; 12057003400; 12057003700; 12057003800; 12057003900; 12057004100. These are referred to as "census tract 18", "30", "31", "32", "33," "34," "37," "38," "39," and "41," respectively. The East Tampa target area is characterized by high levels of poverty, high housing cost burden and poor economic prospects. The percentage of low to moderate income households in each of the census tracts are as follows: census tract 18 - 76%; 30 - 78%; 31 - 77%; 32 - 69%; 33 - 81%; 34 - 79%; 37 - 86%; 38 - 79%; 39 - 64%; 41 - 70% (2021 LMISD).

West Tampa: The West Tampa target area is defined by one specific census tract. This census tract is: 12057004300. This census tract is referred to as "census tract 43." The West Tampa target area is characterized by high levels of poverty, high housing cost burden and poor economic prospects. The percentage of low to moderate income households in the census tract is 95% (2021 LMISD).

Citywide Eligible Areas: The City of Tampa does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements towards target areas. Tampa provides services to low/mod areas and LMI households on a city-wide basis as they qualify under the grant program. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible Census Block Group Tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low to moderate-income (or 51%). Individuals or households must meet income qualifications in order to directly benefit from housing assistance, and services for LMI or special needs assistance.

HOPWA EMSA: The HOPWA Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) boundaries include Hillsborough, Hernando, and Pasco, counties. The City of Tampa is the lead agency administering HOPWA funds for the EMSA. Please see further below in the Discussion a summary of the City of Tampa's minority concentration area and low-income area "where" the City will direct its funding assistance.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
HOPWA EMSA	100
Citywide Eligible Areas	100

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

When planned activities are intended to serve individuals or households directly, such as housing rehab, down payment assistance, or a recipient of City funded public services, beneficiaries must meet income and other program qualifications in order to receive assistance from the program. For these benefits, the City staff or subrecipient agencies carrying out the program will record the eligibility status of each applicant on a citywide basis.

Public service, public facility, and infrastructure improvement activities are intended to serve a low-income area, or low-income neighborhoods. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible census block group tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low to moderate income (or 51%).

To determine these Tracts the City will be utilizing HUD CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible tracts within the jurisdiction. The identified census block group tracts within the jurisdiction that are considered low-moderate income can be found on the HUD Exchange website at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data.

Discussion

Geographic Areas with Low Income Families & Minority Concentration

Low-Income Families

Low-Income Families are defined as those that earn less than 80% of the area median income (AMI). A census tract has a concentration of low-income families if the tract median household income is less than 80% of the City median household income. The current City of Tampa median family income is $104,700 and low-income is $91,750 for a family of four. Using this definition, the tracts on the east and west side of the City have a concentration of low-income families. These tracts match up with the areas with a concentration of Black, non-Hispanic households (East Tampa) and a concentration of Hispanic households (West Tampa).

Race/Ethnicity

For the purposes of this analysis, a “concentration” is any census tract where the racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10% more than the Citywide average. The following is the percentage of the population in the City, and the concentration rate.

Citywide Rate (2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates)

- Asian, non-Hispanic: 4.4%
- Black or African American, non-Hispanic: 20.6%
- Multiracial, non-Hispanic: 3.7%
- Hispanic, all races: 26.7%

Concentration Rate (2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates)

- Asian, non-Hispanic: 14.4%
- Black, non-Hispanic: 30.6%
- Multiracial, non-Hispanic: 13.7%
- Hispanic, all races: 36.7%

Asian, non-Hispanic households: There are a handful of tracts that have a concentration of Asian, non-Hispanic residents. These tracts are located in the northernmost areas of the City, and one additional area is a portion of a tract located immediately to the West of Tampa International Airport.

Black, non-Hispanic households: Tampa has multiple census tracts that have a concentration of Black, non-Hispanic residents. Concentrations are found primarily in the north and central part of the city including in East Tampa, Tampa Heights (immediately west of Interstate 275), and the neighborhoods surrounding and including Sulphur Springs. Multiracial, non-Hispanic: There were no other or multiracial minority groups (racial and ethnic) in Tampa with a concentration of the group living in a census tract.

Hispanic Households: There are two areas with a concentration of this Hispanic households. One area encompasses multiple tracts on the West side of the City (known as West Tampa) and one area just Southeast of Downtown Tampa, known as Palmetto Beach. A map of these tracts is located in the MA-50 of the 2022-2027 Consolidated Plan.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City will address priority affordable housing needs and provide the largest impact to beneficiaries by funding various activities including but not limited to the following: direct financial assistance to homeowners; tenant-based rental assistance; and new and preserved affordable rental and home ownership housing construction. The City will dedicate CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds towards addressing affordable housing needs during PY 2026.

Affordable housing specified in this section meets definition: §92.252 for rental housing and §92.254 for homeownership. The affordable housing estimates do not include emergency shelter, transitional shelter, or social service activities.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	46
Non-Homeless	107
Special-Needs	268
Total	421

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	357
Production of New Units	65
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	437

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Homeowner Assistance (CDBG & HOME):
Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 50 Households Assisted

HOME New Construction (CHDO):
Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit
Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit

Acquisition/Construction/Preservation (CDBG):
Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit
Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit

Construction/Preservation (HOME):
Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit
Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit

TBRA (HOME):
Tenant-based rental assistance: 30 Households Assisted

TBRA (ESG):
Tenant-based rental assistance: 46 Households Assisted

Supportive Housing for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):
Tenant-based rental assistance: 268 Households Assisted

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Tampa Housing Authority provides decent, affordable housing for eligible low-income families, people with disabilities, and the elderly with housing opportunities to more than 21,000 residents in the Tampa Bay area. This Agency currently administers 271 public housing units and 12,097 RAD, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) through 28 apartment communities, 17 mixed-Financed, mixed Income communities with 2,533 units, and an assisted Living Facility with 73 beds.

The City of Tampa has been a strategic partner to the Tampa Housing Authority (THA), which is the largest provider of affordable housing in the area. The City, in partnership with THA, redeveloped the Encore Project on the East side of the Hillsborough River and are partnering to bring the same success to the West side of the river by implementing the West River Development Plan. Currently there are more than 1200 occupied units, with over 300 units under construction.

The housing inventory managed by THA and made available through rental assistance programs are critical to meeting the demand for housing in the City of Tampa. THA offers subsidized rent for some of the most at-risk populations in the region, including the elderly, persons living with a disability, and extremely low-income families.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs for public housing

The City has partnered with THA and its development partners to provide land and funds for development that allows them to compete for State Low Income Tax Credits, and other gap funding for multi-family rental construction projects. The Rome Yard project will consist of 1100 new multi-family rental units, of which 647 will be affordable to those at 120% AMI and below.

The Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) is a federal program designed to address the demanding capital improvement and renovation cost requirements for public housing. RAD seeks to preserve public housing by providing Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), such as THA, with access to more stable funding necessary to make needed improvements and ongoing maintenance requirements. This program allows the conversion of Public Housing units to Project Based Vouchers. THA has been successful with this program over the last several years. To date, THA has converted over 2,000 public housing units to RAD and has additional units underway for conversion in the Robles Park development.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The THA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is available for participants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV). Families participating through FSS are encouraged to work towards increasing

earned income, improving financial literacy, eliminating the need for financial assistance, and making progress towards the goal of achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency. The City's down payment and closing cost assistance program can be used with their Housing Choice Voucher to purchase an eligible property. The voucher amount would offset part of the primary lender's total monthly mortgage payment. THA continues to expand the program and has set a standard of 400 families as the new baseline for the FSS program, which is the largest in the state of Florida.

The Economic Self-Sufficiency program monitors families who are low income but not part of the THA's FSS program. The goal for those participating in the HCV program is to set and achieve financial milestones that will enable them to gain substantial income that can lead to long term independence and self-sufficiency. The Homeownership program is a voluntary program where THA pays all or a portion of the mortgage payments on behalf of HCV participants who have been qualified for a mortgage. Participants finance the purchase of the home with a 20-year mortgage or longer, with the maximum term of the homeownership assistance of 15 years. For participating households with shorter mortgage terms than 20 years, the maximum assistance from THA is 10 years. These term limits do not apply to elderly or disabled households seeking homeownership opportunities.

THA's Youth Success program provides enhanced out-of-school time (OST) opportunities for youth (childcare, recreation, and education) residing at properties served by THA. This program provides youth enrichment that complements and extends the learning from the classroom. Additionally, THA partners with other organizations such as the Scouts of America to run an at-risk youth empowerment program at Oaks at Riverview Center and scattered sites in Tampa Bay. The program has identified and met specific youth needs including fostering leadership skills and growing their strengths.

THA offers numerous scholarships for students residing thin THA assisted housing. Students that are awarded scholarships may receive financial assistance between $3,000 and $12,000 to help pay for their college education.

The Point of Contact for THA's Homeownership Center is Eva Reale, HCV Homeownership Counselor, eva.reale@thafl.com, Phone # is (813) 253-0551 ext. 3560, Fax # is (813) 367-0757, and website address is https://www.tampaha.org/. The Point of Contact for the Family Self Sufficiency program is Suvada Gulan, Supervisor, suvada.gulan@thafl.com, Phone # is (813) 253-0551 ext. 1532, Fax # is (813) 367-0810, and website address is https://www.thafl.com.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance.

N/A. The THA is not designated as a "troubled" housing authority. The THA is identified as a "High Performer".

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Tampa is an active participant in the Tampa Hillsborough Continuum of Care (CoC) and coordinates directly with the lead agency of the CoC, the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI). In accordance with CoC efforts, the City outreach team assists in providing resources to homeless persons working with four dedicated City of Tampa Police Officers as homeless liaisons. The officers assist in coordination and participate in outreach efforts alongside THHI, Hillsborough County and members of the CoC as well as nonprofit homeless service providers and other City departments such as Code Enforcement. CoC outreach efforts target those who are least likely to request housing or services in the absence of special outreach. As an active member of the CoC, the City ensures that we remain connected and demonstrates a commitment to the overall efforts of the CoC and meets the duties required of the CoC.

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including: Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.

In order to provide a holistic approach to the affordable housing crisis, Mayor Jane Castor and the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department created a team dedicated to the needs of the homeless community. Working jointly with the four dedicated officers from the Tampa Police Department, the four-person outreach team canvasses the city to connect homeless individuals with the appropriate services and resources. The team's accomplishments have proven their value. Since the team's inception in mid-May 2022, it has assisted more than 1,000 individuals each year and provides nearly 4,000 individual services annually including meals, bus passes, referrals to housing, and transportation to shelter facilities. The City also provides ESG-RUSH funding to Metropolitan Ministries, Gracepoint and EPIC, as well as general funds to the Salvation Army to support homeless outreach efforts.

One of the responsibilities of the CoC is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count survey of the homeless population. The City participates annually and is joined by CoC members and volunteers in the PIT count which is conducted at the end of February. The efforts to make an accurate homeless count includes counts at emergency shelters and transitional housing for homeless persons; "unsheltered" places not meant for human habitation such as cars, parks, streets and abandoned buildings; and any dwelling that lacks the ability to provide basic needs such as drinking water, heat, kitchens etc. The PIT count data is collected through a short survey and observation which provides a 'snapshot' as to what the homeless population in the community looks like during a single, 24-hour period to help community planners better understand the homeless demographic information.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency shelter and transitional housing needs for homeless persons was noted as a high need priority in the consolidated planning process as well as a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Catholic Charities, in partnership with the City of Tampa, opened a homeless resource program called Tampa Hope that provides safe and secure shelter for hundreds of men and women as well as food, clothing, transportation, education, employment, and benefits assistance, substance abuse and mental health counseling, basic medical care, and case management services. Tampa Hope now has 200 cottages to provide transitional housing for homeless persons, and the program is designed for a stay of up to four months. During that time, case workers help residents find jobs and more permanent living arrangements.

The Spring of Tampa Bay provides safe haven, emergency shelter, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence. The shelter provides a continuum of services that include emergency shelter; children's services including shelter case management; transitional housing; and outreach services.

Dawning Family Services provides emergency homeless services for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment for homeless persons. Dawning Family Services provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

ESG funds are provided to various agencies to provide Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, and outreach, to homeless persons throughout the City. RRH services are provided by an onsite case manager/family care worker to provide short-term assistance. Other services include relocation and stabilization, rental and utility deposits and arrear payments as well as up to three months of rental assistance.

As an active partner of the Tampa Hillsborough CoC, the City works with THHI and Hillsborough County in the planning process to provide additional housing units and support services for homeless programs. The City along with other non-profit and governmental entities work strategically to address the needs of the chronically homeless population. The City provides support to other nonprofit organizations with local funding to provide direct assistance to help individuals and families avoid homelessness and make the

transition to permanent housing or independent living.

Shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness

Rapid Rehousing activities conducted by the City and THHI help individuals and families who were recently homeless avoid becoming homeless again with emergency rental assistance. THHI's Rapid Exit program expedites individuals and families leaving emergency shelters to stable housing situations if these households have minimal assistance needs. The veteran program REVEILLE houses Veterans quickly with rapid rehousing activities and moves them into permanent supportive housing.

Facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units

The City and THHI are working continually to facilitate access for homeless households to attain affordable housing. Eligible homeless households working to gain self-sustainability are welcome to apply for any of the City's affordable housing programs including TBRA and the Rental Move In Assistance Program (RMAP). The City's RMAP program provides security deposit assistance needed for securing housing as well as eviction prevention of up to two months of rental arrears to eligible clients living within the City or working to secure rental housing within City limits.

THHI offers financial incentives to landlords who rent to residents that experiencing homelessness or housing barriers. The program brings together households experiencing homelessness with landlords. Landlords are able to exhibit available units and screen potential tenants, while potential tenants have an opportunity to meet landlords and view opportunities for housing.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

One of the strategies the City uses to help low- and moderate-income individuals and families avoid homelessness is to provide housing assistance, housing stability services, and supportive services that improve long-term economic security. These efforts focus on reducing housing cost burdens, preventing eviction, increasing housing stability, and creating pathways to self-sufficiency and homeownership. The City also supports housing counseling agencies that assist households with budgeting, credit repair, employment readiness, financial education, and savings strategies. Together, these services help families stabilize their housing and complement the City's homeless assistance programs by supporting successful

transitions from homelessness to permanent housing.

During PY2026/FY2027, the City will utilize HOME, HOPWA, and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding to provide a continuum of housing assistance and supportive services. Empath Partners in Care (EPIC) will administer HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for 16 households and HOPWA TBRA for 76 households. Survivor Ventures will administer HOME TBRA for 20 households. Catholic Charities will administer HOPWA TBRA for 80 households, while Metro Healthy Communities will administer HOPWA Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU) and supportive services for 130 households living with HIV/AIDS.

In addition, State SHIP funding will be administered by Metro Healthy Communities, Survivor Ventures, and The Salvation Army to provide housing stabilization assistance for eligible households through security and utility deposits, eviction prevention, and rental subsidy assistance. Collectively, these programs help households maintain stable housing, prevent homelessness, and improve long-term housing outcomes for some of Tampa's most vulnerable residents.

The City refers to, and partners with, THHI in the care of homeless persons or at-risk of homelessness discharged from publicly supported institutions and systems of care in the City and the CoC. The City, THHI and the CoC members follow the Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC ESG Policy and Procedures of the CoC, which is approved by the CoC Executive Planning Committee. CoC policy describes that individuals and families are at risk of homelessness when exiting from publicly funded institutions or systems of care. A requirement is documentation of discharge from healthcare facilities, mental health facilities, foster care, other youth facilities or correction programs.

Some THHI programs for persons who have been discharged from systems of care or publicly funded institutions are programs such as the County Expungement Clinic and the Second Chance / Re-Entry Job Fair, which is held up to three times a year. The County Expungement Clinic offers county residents that have been charged with a crime the opportunity to have one criminal record sealed or expunged. The improvement to their record will help residents' opportunities for housing, employment and education. The clinic is facilitated in partnership with the State Attorney's Office 13th Judicial Circuit and the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women. The Second Chance / Re-Entry Job Fair gives adults that have been charged with a felony and have recently emerged from homelessness with employment opportunities. The Job Fair features employers with openings and willing to hire those with criminal records.

Veterans exiting systems of care can be referred to the REVEILLE program which is a housing-first initiative partnered by THHI and several CoC member agencies and aimed to rapidly rehouse veterans and help them avoid homelessness. Supportive wrap-around services and case management is also provided to help ensure a successful transition to permanent housing.

Discussion

Using the HMIS estimates in the NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment, provided by Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (CoC), the City of Tampa estimates that there are approximately 1,761 persons experiencing homelessness each year. This includes 1,016 sheltered and 746 un-sheltered individuals. It is noted that the CoC's jurisdiction is the entirety of Hillsborough County, so the HMIS data is reflective of the County, with the majority of persons experiencing homelessness within the City. Cost burdened (paying over 30% of their income toward housing) and severely cost burdened (paying over 50% of their income toward housing) renters with extremely low income (30% or below AMI) are at the greatest risk of becoming homeless and have the greatest need. According to 2018 – 2022 CHAS data there are approximately 77,745 cost burdened renter households and 37,440 severely cost burdened renter households that have income below 30% of the AMI in Tampa City limits. ESG-RUSH funds will continue to be utilized to provide rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and outreach services across the City. The City of Tampa Outreach team will assist the homeless and newly homeless with navigating the homeless system and address urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, toiletries, etc.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (l)(3)

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	367
Tenant-based rental assistance	268
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	23
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	**658**

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City of Tampa will continue to address the barriers to affordable housing as they relate to public policy barriers, financial barriers, and discriminatory barriers. The City of Tampa provides a monthly opportunity through the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and the Human Rights Board meetings. At both meetings, the public and community partners can attend and provide feedback regarding program design and community needs. It is through these forums that the City is able to receive additional comments throughout the year, providing the opportunity for needed program updates to address barriers.

The City, in partnership with Hillsborough County and the Tampa Housing Authority, developed and approved the 2018-2022 Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice. The AI utilized HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFH) format, which helped to identify contributing factors to fair housing issues. Through the assessment made in the AI, seven goals were created to address these contributing factors. They were:

GOAL 1: Increase the production and preservation of affordable housing units in a range of sizes within high opportunity areas and R/ECAPs

GOAL 2: Increase the supply of affordable, accessible housing in integrated settings for persons with disabilities including individuals who need supportive services.

GOAL 3: Increase access to opportunity for persons residing in R/ECAPs or low opportunity areas.

GOAL 4: Increase homeownership opportunities and improve equal access to credit and financial services for minorities and low-and moderate-income persons.

GOAL 5: Increase awareness of Federal, state, and local fair housing laws and practices

GOAL 6: Increase potential for minorities, persons with disabilities, and other protected groups to move to areas of high opportunity.

GOAL 7: Increase public investment and encourage private investment to address disparities in housing, proficient schools, employment opportunities, and services.

The full regional AI with the description of goals can be downloaded at: https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/library/hillsborough/media-center/documents/affordable-housing/projects-plans-and-report-notices/10-21-20-analysis-impediments-to-fair-housing.pdf

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Affordable housing demand in the City of Tampa has increased over the last several years, straining housing supply and driving up costs for renters and homeowners. Affordability has become a top issue for existing residents and potential homeowners. A Housing Needs Assessment has been undertaken by the City to understand current conditions for existing residents as well as the projected future challenges for new residents as the city continues to grow. The analysis found the following:

- Nearly 40% of Tampa residents are housing cost-burdened (spending more than 30% of their income on housing). Furthermore, a typical household may spend an estimated 20% or more of their income on transportation.
- A significantly higher share of renters (66%) are cost-burdened, which is significantly higher than homeowners.
- To fill the shortfall in housing affordable to low-income renters (who earn up to 50% of area median income) the city would require at least 26,000 more affordably priced units.

The City will continue to implement the following strategies to eliminate barriers to affordable housing:

- Continue to refine and implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan to increase the supply of affordable housing, including development density/intensity bonuses.
- Expedite permitting for affordable housing projects providing for efficient review and minimal delays.
- Provide regulatory incentives to assist in the provision of affordable housing such as the allowance of flexibility in densities for affordable housing, the reduction of parking and setback requirements, and reduction of impact fees.
- Expansion of areas within the city where affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts will be allowed by the land development code.
- Prepare a printed inventory of publicly owned land suitable for affordable housing and develop a strategy for disposition of this land.
- Support affordable housing development near transportation and major employments centers.
- Review policies, procedures, and regulations to determine the impact on the cost of housing. The following are some of the changes we hope to implement this year:
    - Subsidize impact fees.
    - Provide a subsidy to cover the costs of tree removal, sidewalk installation, infrastructure and other regulations that add costs to housing development.
    - Assign two inspectors to affordable housing projects to provide consistency and reduce the permitting time.
    - Work to expand geographic reach and funding levels for downpayment assistance programs to encourage homeownership for households with incomes between 50% - 120% AMI.

- Update the Tampa Land Development Code (LDC) to align with the updated Comprehensive Plan. The LDC update will simplify the code, streamline the development process, and add policies that support housing affordability.
- Improve data collection on housing needs and available resources.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Tampa recognizes that the needs of Tampa residents extend beyond housing and infrastructure. These needs include reducing lead-based paint hazards, reducing poverty through job creation and skill building, developing institutional structures, and enhancing coordination between public and private social service agencies.

Housing and Community Development (HCD) plays a lead role in the development of affordable housing and citizen support programs to serve the city's low- and moderate-income households, homeless, and disabled populations. HCD maintains and expands housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons and families in the city by:

- Preserving the city's housing stock through rehabilitation and repair assistance programs.
- Expanding the supply of affordable housing for lower income renters and owners, including first-time home buyers.
- Serving the needs of the homeless community and partnering with homeless service providers.
- Prioritizing the needs of special populations such as elderly, veterans and disabled.
- Referring discrimination complaints in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation to any person who believes they have been discriminated against to the Tampa Office of Human Rights.
- Providing outreach activities by offering employment, housing and public accommodations seminars / workshops to keep the public informed about their civil rights.

The following is a list of actions that the City of Tampa intends to implement over the next program year to achieve success in addressing the housing and community development needs of LMI residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs:

One of the main strategies the City will utilize to address the obstacles of underserved needs is to partner and provide funding to local agencies that are specialized in the specialized areas of need in Tampa. For homeless needs, the City meets regularly with the local Counties, Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI), CoC members and a variety of nonprofit agencies to address the issue of homelessness in the Tampa Bay MSA. This coordinated effort will help the City to address homeless needs within the area.

The City will continue to provide outreach and bilingual services to address the growing affordable housing needs in the Hispanic community. The Housing and Community Development team consists of five sections, and each section has a bilingual staff member. This includes translating documents into Spanish and other languages as needed.

While limited funding is an obstacle to meeting all of the affordable housing needs in the City, the City works with many partners to address this issue and leverage its resources. The City provides local funds

for new construction, owner-occupied rehab programs; as well as a RMAP, Water Utility Assistance program and Storm Water Improvement Tax Waiver programs to address the affordable housing needs of these underserved communities.

To accommodate future households and meet existing needs, the City of Tampa has set the following priorities:

1. Expand temporary housing options to meet emergency housing needs and prevent displacement.
2. Prioritize protected populations (e.g., seniors, those with disabilities, families with children, veterans, etc.).
3. Stabilize renters and homeowners in low-income and majority minority neighborhoods vulnerable to displacement and gentrification.
4. Ensure safe and quality housing for low-income residents (households at or below 80% AMI).
5. Leverage City resources to fill the gap in funding for workforce housing (80%-140% AMI).

The City of Tampa has made meaningful investments to address the affordable housing shortage. In September 2023, the Tampa City Council made a commitment to affordable housing when it voted to award $10.7 million towards existing housing programs. About $7 million of the dollars were General Fund allocations to be spent on tenant and homeowner support programs and homeless prevention. An additional $10.7 has been requested to support additional activities and leverage federal funds to expand programs and serve more residents.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing:

The City of Tampa annually funds projects designed to increase the supply of affordable housing and increase access to sustainable housing options for low-income residents across the City. In particular, the City will fund programs through its CDBG allocation for housing counseling services, acquisition of land, and multi-family rental preservation to develop additional affordable housing opportunities. Additionally, funded organizations will assist in processing applications for the City's Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) known as DARE.

The City will continue to seek to acquire land for affordable housing, starting with current city owned land that is suitable for affordable housing, and the purchase of strategic properties along transit corridors and near employment centers. The Strategic Acquisitions program would purchase existing residential structures and vacant parcels for later disposition to developers and/or low-to-middle income tenants. The City will continue to work with Tampa Housing Authority to build affordable multi-family rental housing and solicit other multifamily projects to help meet the growing need for affordable rentals. The city will continue to work with its Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) partners to develop affordable housing for sale to first time home buyers. Tampa's Residential Infill Program leverages city-owned lots and disposes them to developers who commit to building income-restricted homeownership opportunities along with subsidy to lower prices for low-income homeowners.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In compliance with federal regulations, the City requires any housing unit built prior to January 1, 1978, to be tested for lead based paint prior to providing assistance. The City of Tampa's housing programs have integrated the components of 24 CFR Part 35 into its policies and procedures governing federally assisted housing programs directly administered under the City and those contracted with subrecipient organizations. Programs affected include housing rehabilitation, acquisition, and TBRA as specified within 24 CFR Part 35.

The City distributes printed information concerning lead-based paint hazards to all residents in the City's housing rehabilitation program. Lead hazard reduction or abatement actions are determined on a project-by-project basis. Compliance requirements with lead-based paint regulations are written in all subrecipient contract documents.

The City's housing rehabilitation contractors are certified and/or have received training in the identification of lead hazards, proper methods of paint stabilization, interim control, abatement procedures and rehabilitation activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The activities and accomplishments identified in this PY 2026 Action Plan directly address reducing poverty in the City. The City partners with nonprofit agencies to ensure they have the tools and experience to secure funds that allow them to expand their services to poverty-level families. The City requires meaningful output and outcome measures as a part of every subrecipient contract to ensure every effort is being made to address the poverty levels in our community. Funding is provided for job training programs, vocational training and case management services, and housing and budget counseling to help poverty-level families rise out of poverty.

The City offers the HOME TBRA program to assist homeless families with accessing housing and case management services. Homebuyer programs help LMI households with homebuyer education and direct financial assistance to purchase homes and help stabilize families. Stable housing is one of the basic needs for LMI residents to become successful at meeting goals that further self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life. Additionally, the HOPWA program will provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Short-Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU) to persons with HIV/AIDs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff continues to coordinate with Hillsborough County, THHI and other state and local governmental agencies including legislators to address the needs

of the homeless as well as the affordable housing needs of the community.

Each year the City's HCD staff, through its application process for HUD entitlement funds, provides Technical Assistance workshops to cover CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA grant basics, national objectives, and eligible activities and uses of funds for each program. Technical assistance is provided for applicants and grantees, and technical assistance workshops and other notifications are posted on the City's website. Through the application process, the City is able to develop and increase the capacity of local service providers and as a result improve the delivery of program services in Tampa.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

The City of Tampa's HCD plans to continue working with for-profit and nonprofit partner agencies, including the Tampa Housing Authority, Hillsborough County, The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI), CoC homeless service providers, HOPWA sponsors, builders and developers, lenders and individual agencies to foster and maintain affordable housing and provide support services that address the needs of the community.

The City continues to work to strengthen these relationships by providing technical assistance and helping our partners to secure additional funding to promote affordable housing and supportive services. The City provides training as needed to assist nonprofit agencies to build capacity. The training includes Income Calculation, NeighborWorks Housing Counseling training, trainings for Human Rights advocates and Fair Housing Training, HUD Exchange, and Florida Housing Coalition trainings. The City also provides technical assistance for potential and existing housing service providers through the application and procurement process. Affordable housing developers are also offered developer support for the development of multi-family housing development by way of HOME and CDBG funds and support for tax credit applications. Detailed information on this process can be found on the City website at: https://www.tampa.gov/housing-and-community-development/funding-resources.

The City facilitates coordination with public and private housing and social service agencies, including partnering with the Tampa Housing Authority to develop the West River Development project that includes funding from both the CDBG and HOME programs. The West River Development project encompasses the Renaissance (160 RAD units with 4% tax credits), Bethune High Rise (150 RAD units with 4% tax credits), and the Canopy (188 Units with 4% tax credits) which recently broke ground. There are several other projects that the City and THA are coordinating on and are anticipated to be completed in future program years.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

This section describes the program specific requirements for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	100,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	**100,000**

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of Urgent Need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low to moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low to moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. **A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**

   N/A

2. **A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

   The City of Tampa uses the recapture option in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) to ensure long-term affordability of the assisted property. The entire amount of the direct HOME subsidy becomes due and payable upon default or transfer of ownership interest during any point of the affordability period. The affordability periods are determined by the subsidy dollar levels and program guidelines. The recapture requirement is subject to the limitations of the mortgage documents in place when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale or default (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit. The amount recaptured cannot exceed the net proceeds, if any (or the amount of the HOME subsidy). The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. To secure the city' s investment throughout the affordability period, the City uses a mortgage note attached to each property in the amount of the assistance. HOME funding language is included in all contract documents. The City's HOME program policy and procedures as well as the mortgage and contract documents are available for public review at the City's HCD Office.

   See the City's HOME Resale and Recapture Policy attached in the AD-26.

3. **A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds. See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**

   The City of Tampa uses the recapture provision in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) to ensure long-term affordability of the assisted property. The full amount of the direct HOME subsidy becomes due and payable upon default or transfer of ownership interest during any point of the affordability period. To impose and ensure the affordability and recapture provision, the City uses a mortgage note attached to each property in the amount of assistance. The City's HOME program policy and procedures, as well as the mortgage and contract documents, are available for public review at the City's HCD Office.

   Resale: This option ensures that the HOME-assisted units remain affordable over the entire affordability period. The Resale method is only used in cases where HOME funding is provided directly to a developer (or CHDO) to reduce development costs, thereby making the price of the home affordable to the buyer. Referred to as a "Development Subsidy," these funds are not repaid by the

developer to the PJ but remain with the property for the length of the affordability period.

Specific examples where the City of Tampa would use the resale method include:

1. Providing funds for the developer to acquire property to be developed or to acquire existing affordable ownership units.
2. Providing funds for site preparation or improvement.
3. Providing funds for construction materials and labor.
4. Conveying land purchased with HOME funds for development of housing units.

Recapture: The City of Tampa uses the recapture option in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) to ensure long-term affordability of the assisted property once sold to an eligible buyer. The entire amount of the direct HOME subsidy becomes due and payable upon default or transfer of ownership interest during any point of the affordability period. The full Recapture policy has been uploaded to the AD-25. Below are the affordability periods by HOME program amount and number of years, per regulations.

HOME Program Assistance Amount / Affordability Period per the 2025 Final HOME RULE 92.254(a)

$1,000-$24,99.99 = 5 years
$25,000-$50,000 = 10 years
More than $50,000 = 15 years
Reconstruction or New Construction = 20 years

See the City's HOME Resale and Recapture Policy attached in the AP-26.
The City's specific program affordability periods may exceed those of HOME regulations for longer affordability terms and monitoring.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not anticipate using any HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing units that are being rehabilitated.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

The City of Tampa's TBRA program does not have a preference for persons with a disability, however TBRA activities are targeted at homeless individuals and families at or below 80% AMI. This housing subsidy assistance is based on household income and the number of persons in the household.

6. **If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).**

   The City of Tampa does not have a preference for persons with a disability with HOME program funds. The City has identified a need to provide housing subsidy programs such as TBRA for persons living with HIV/AIDS in its Consolidated Plan, however these individuals are funded through the City's HOPWA program. The City prioritizes homeless individuals and families with HOME program funds and will utilize HOME funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons who are extremely low- and low-Income households that are experiencing homelessness or unstably housed. This preference is needed to narrow the gap in services for this group as it will prevent the return to homelessness and allow for a housing first strategy, which is to house the individual and household stably to allow for successful case management and that referred services are received.

7. **If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).**

   No preference is given to any particular segment of the population with rental housing projects funded by the City's HOME program funds. Pursuant to 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3), an owner of a rental housing project assisted with HOME funds must comply with the affirmative marketing requirements established by the City of Tampa in accordance with 24 CFR 92.351(a). The owner of the rental housing project must adopt and follow the written tenant selection policies and criteria, which includes provisions that it may give a preference to a particular segment of the population if permitted in its written agreement with the PJ such as persons with a disability or other special needs. Currently, there is no preference for persons with a disability or special needs groups, however HOME funds must however target low- to moderate-income households, and the City places priority on projects that support those at or below 50% AMI or those that are homeless or emerging from homelessness. The City does not discriminate and provides equal access to all eligible households in the HOME program.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

ESG funding is available for emergency shelter and rapid re-housing services for homeless persons throughout the City of Tampa.

- No more than 7.5% of Emergency Solutions Grant funds may be utilized for administrative costs.
- ESG Project Sponsors must ensure consistent participation in Clarity the local Homeless Management and Information (HMIS) system administered by the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative.
- Successful Applicants must utilize the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative's Coordinated Intake and Assessment System (CI&A). Further, the successful Applicant will establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the community organizations participating in the Coordinated Intake & Assessment (CI&A) process established by the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative.
- The awarded agencies must also agree to abide by the policies and procedures written and provided by the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative, including any subsequent amendments. ESG grant funds must be matched, dollar for dollar, with locally generated sources.

The 24 CFR 578 requires the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) CoC to consult with ESG grantees in its area in developing written standards. The City adheres to the CoC's written standards and subrecipients have the responsibility of developing policies and procedures specific to the Federal program with the CoC. The City's Policies and Procedures states that ESG subrecipients must follow the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative's Coordinated Intake and Assessment Process.

The City's ESG Policies and Procedures with written standards have been uploaded to the AD-26.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Tampa Hillsborough CoC has adopted the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as the method to assess individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. The VI-SPDAT is an evidence-informed approach to assessing an individual's or family's acuity. The tool, across multiple components, prioritizes who to serve next and why, while concurrently identifying the areas in the person/family's life where support is most likely necessary in order to avoid housing instability.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation is available to

private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

For PY 2026 / FY 2027, the City of Tampa will conduct a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process to award Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The City will publicly release the RFA, making funding available to eligible private nonprofit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations. The RFA will identify funding priorities, eligible activities, applicant eligibility criteria, application requirements, and the review and selection process. The City will review applications for compliance with the RFA requirements and evaluate eligible applications using the published criteria. The City will base its subaward decisions on the results of its competitive RFA process.

Following the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative's (THHI) withdrawal from its planned grant administration role, the City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department or its designee will administer the allocation. The City will execute written subaward agreements directly with eligible organizations selected through the City's RFA. The agreements will establish each subrecipient's scope of work, funding amount, reimbursement terms, and reporting requirements. HCD or its designee will review reimbursement requests and monitor subrecipient performance and compliance.

4. **If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.**

   The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care (COC) planning process in Tampa and Hillsborough County. The Initiative is responsible for establishing and maintaining strategic efforts to develop long-term constructive solutions that address the underlying causes of homelessness as well as meet the immediate needs of currently homeless people. The City of Tampa is an active partner in working with the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative to develop the Continuum of Care needs assessments and strategically plan the use of community resources.

   The City is unable to meet the requirement of 24 CFR 576.405 (a) as the Board is made up of elected officials and/or persons appointed by elected officials. Per 24 CFR 576.405(b), the City has developed a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals through a program participant survey that garners feedback from persons previously or currently experiencing homelessness served in the ESG program. The City will include the procedure for administering the survey in the ESG policies and procedures manual and require all subrecipients to administer the survey to participants as they exit the program. The City will review the homeless participant surveys and will consider the feedback provided when reviewing policies and procedures, performance standards, and when making program decisions.

5. **Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.**

The City of Tampa adheres to using IDIS as the main reporting tool for managing the ESG program. ESG providers are also required to submit their HMIS data in the SAGE HMIS reporting system. In addition, the City requires that all providers that are awarded with City ESG funds to use and maintain an active participant role in using the local HMIS known as Clarity. Both IDIS and SAGE capture the federally required reporting fields to assist in evaluating the program goals and objectives.

City of Tampa ESG providers are required to submit quarterly reports which mirror the reporting forms in IDIS. As a result, the City is able to review program goals and objectives quarterly to ensure that goals are being met. The City also conducts onsite monitoring with THHI, the manager of the City ESG program, to ensure that program compliance is being met. THHI, in turn, monitors the agencies and their compliance and performance with City ESG funds.

Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention Performance Standards:

Performance Metric 1: The length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

Goal: The length of time participants spend from project entry to residential move in should be on average between 15 – 25 days.

Performance Metric 2: The extent to which individuals and families who leave homelessness, experience additional spells of homelessness. (If data is available)

Goal: Participants that return to homelessness within 12 months of exit into a permanent housing destination should be less than 20%.

Performance Metric 3: The extent to which participants exit the program to a positive housing destination.

Goal: Minimum of 85% of participants exit the program to a positive housing destination.

Performance Metric 4: Jobs and income growth for homeless individuals and families.

Goal: Adult participants increase their employment or non-employment income by a minimum of 35% by project exit.

Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach Performance Standards:

Performance Metric 1: The thoroughness of grantees in the geographic area in reaching unsheltered

homeless individuals and families.

Goal: 80% or more of participants entering the program have a prior living situation of "place not meant for human habitation."

Performance Metric 2: Jobs and income growth for homeless individuals and families.

Goal: Adult participants increase their employment or non-employment income by a minimum of 25% by project exit.

Discussion:

HOPWA Method for selecting project sponsors:

Housing and Community Development (HCD) released Request for Proposals for HOPWA projects in PY 2023 for a three-year period. Information on the application and eligible programs was located on HCD's website while the application was open. Potential sponsors are welcome to view the funding available and eligible and ineligible uses.

The applications were provided to a panel of reviewers, and the Reviews/Scoring was completed during the development of the plan. Reviewers were selected who had knowledge of the programs to be funded through the various grants to help reduce subjectivity. The Reviewers attended a workshop to review the rating form and guidelines for reviewing the applications. All Reviewers were required to sign a conflict-of-interest form, which was reviewed prior to final selection. Based on the scores from the Reviewers and the staff threshold evaluations, the HOPWA agencies were awarded.