



**PY 2025 Annual Action Plan
Substantial Amendment
ESG RUSH 2nd Allocation**

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Housing and Community Development

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This Substantial Amendment will add the Second Allocation of Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program funds in the amount of \$1,066,228. RUSH is a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities hit by disasters.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Tampa is an entitlement city 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) grants. The City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) department staff administers the federal HUD entitlement grant funds and works to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, and a suitable living environment especially for low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals and the special needs population in Tampa. Partnerships with other vital City departments, nonprofit stakeholder organizations and citizens from the public assist HCD in accomplishing its goals to address the needs of the community.

This document represents the City of Tampa's PY 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which is the **fourth** year of the 5-Year 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan identified priority needs in housing, homelessness, and non-housing community development and is the City's strategic approach to address these needs over the five-year planning period. To identify these needs, the Consolidated Plan considered 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 involved in identifying the priority needs in the City through the creation of the Consolidated Plan. Citizens participated in a survey, a 30-day public comment period and a series of public meetings and hearings. The Consolidated Plan presented a set of goals that the City will pursue over the five-year time 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. Each team was charged with an objective tied to the challenges and opportunities of its subject area. The overarching goal is to connect each team's recommendations into a strategic roadmap that supports the Mayor's vision.

This PY 2025 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 will improve the quality of life of residents, particularly LMI residents in Tampa. Program Year 2025 starts on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026.

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 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The City has identified priority needs with associated goals to address those needs. In PY 2025, 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. 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

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 Unit

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. 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; 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)

Goal 6A Rapid Response Programs for the Homeless: Operate the RUSH program, a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities affected by disasters, as designated under a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. Similar to ESG, eligible activities under RUSH funding include emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homeless prevention activities, outreach and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. RUSH however targets homeless individuals and those who are most at-risk of homelessness located in a disaster affected area but cannot access all services provided by other federal programs, in particular FEMA.

- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing

- Outcome: Availability/Accessibility

- Outcome Indicator: Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted & Homeless Prevention: 500 Persons Assisted

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Tampa, with its partner 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, vital 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 2023 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 2023, the City highlighted these accomplishments by priority:

Housing Programs: There were 319 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 14 LMI homebuyers received direct financial assistance. 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 339 LMI persons assisted through vital public services provided through City funded programs. Activities included services for persons with a disability, youth services, and senior services.

Homeless Assistance: The ESG program assisted 636 persons experiencing homelessness with overnight shelter operations and 45 households with rapid rehousing rental activities (consisting of 102 persons). Services offered at the shelter help individuals and families exit homelessness and rapid rehousing activities help households transition to permanent, stable housing.

HOPWA: The HOPWA program assisted individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS in the region. Supportive housing operations included housing subsidy assistance through tenant-based rental TBRA, permanent/transitional housing placements, and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance (STRMU). There were 270 persons assisted with TBRA through HOPWA programs. There were 18 persons at risk of homelessness placed in permanent housing and 22 persons placed in transitional housing. Finally, there were 74 persons assisted with STRMU. HOPWA Sponsors also provided supportive services such as case management, medical assistance and transportation to 952 persons.

CARES Act Activities:

Tampa's LMI residents continued to be impacted economically by the pandemic in PY 2023. The following is a report on all three programs funded through the CARES Act grants as reported in the PY2023 CAPER.

CDBG-CV: No new CDBG-CV funded activities were completed in PY 2023. The City will continue to monitor the ongoing health and financial impact of the pandemic among LMI residents and will address these needs as they arise. Currently, the City is still working with homeless providers to prepare and make shelter facilities more resilient for times of crisis such as the pandemic.

HOPWA-CV: The City successfully completed the HOPWA-CV program in program year 2021. These funds were allocated to existing HOPWA Sponsor organizations which expanded their services, while helping to respond to client needs during the pandemic. Specific activities centered on TBRA assistance, STRMU, and supportive services. These accomplishments are documented in the PY 2020 and 2021 CAPER reports.

ESG-CV: Homeless services funded by the ESG-CV program have been reported quarterly in HUD's ESG Sage system. All accomplishments for this program have been recorded cumulatively since the start of the grant in 2020 and were completed prior to PY 2023. In that time period, the program assisted a total of 2,455 individuals with homeless services. By activity, these include 522 homeless persons with emergency shelter operations, 877 homeless persons with street outreach services, 673 at-risk persons of homelessness with homeless prevention rental assistance, and 124 homeless households consisting of

383 persons with rapid rehousing rental activities to quickly rehouse families into stable housing. As of PY 2023, the City has now fully expended all ESG-CV program funds, and a summary of expenditures is included in the CR-15.

ESG RUSH Disaster Relief Grant

On October 24, 2022, HUD announced the first of two rounds of funding allocations through the new Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program, a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities hit by disasters. HUD determined that Tampa was one of the areas impacted by Hurricane Ian, and the first round of RUSH funding allocated to the city was \$799,599. Similar to ESG, eligible activities under RUSH funding include emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homeless prevention activities, outreach and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. RUSH targets homeless individuals and those who are most at-risk of homelessness located in a disaster affected area but cannot access all services provided by other federal programs, in particular FEMA. These activities are completed and were reported in the SP column of the CR-05 in the corresponding CAPER.

On January 10, 2025, HUD announced the first of two rounds of funding allocations through the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program, a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities hit by disasters. HUD determined that Tampa was one of the areas impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The first round of RUSH funding allocated to the city was \$1,000,000. These funds are allocated in the PY2024 Annual Action Plan and the activities are underway.

On April 16, 2026, HUD announced the second round of funding allocations through the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program for the City of Tampa in the amount of \$1,066,228 to address the continued effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. This substantial amendment is to include the second round of RUSH funding allocated to the City of Tampa in the amount of \$1,066,228. Activities to be completed are described in the appropriate document sections below.

HOPWA HIFA

On December 1, 2021, HUD introduced a new competitive grant opportunity under the HOPWA program, titled Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS (HIFA). This one-time funding is aimed at supporting local government programs that demonstrate strong coordination with community partners and cultural competency. The funded programs focus on promoting stable housing and positive health outcomes while contributing to the development of national place-based models. The City of Tampa was one of the grantees awarded HIFA, and selected Empath Partners in Care (EPIC) as its sponsor agency. EPIC is a leading community-based organization providing HIV and supportive services to the City of Tampa and surrounding counties of the region. The program provided TBRA and Transitional Housing to stabilize living

situations, and then through supportive services such as medical case management, pharmacy, STI clinic and LGBTQIA+ services EPIC was able to successfully treat each client and work their way back to self-sufficiency. This work not only helped to improve HUD's overall model for delivery with place-based services, but the HIFA program had many real-life benefits as well for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Tampa. Tampa continues to provide housing subsidy assistance services with HIFA funds, and each individual will receive wrap-around services as described earlier. As EPIC continues to build and improve landlord relationships, they hope to continue to provide more stable housing.

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 robust, comprehensive, and effective citizen participation and stakeholder consultation process. Insights gained from this outreach are invaluable in developing a firm understanding of the City's needs and setting appropriate goals to make a meaningful difference in the City.

To complete the PY 2025 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 will also host two public hearings to discuss the funding and activities in this plan.

- Public Comment Period: A 30-day public comment period was held from **June 23, 2025, through July 24, 2025**, 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 12, 2025, 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 24, 2025, 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.

- An on-line public survey was made available to the public and service agencies for input from June 12- July 15. <https://form.jotform.com/251474588294167>

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

RUSH Substantial Amendment

Under the RUSH program, HUD has streamlined the consultation and citizen participation requirements. To expedite RUSH funds and provide the rapid response homeless assistance in a timely manner, certain requirements normally required under ESG have been waived or reduced. Under normal circumstances ESG requires consultation and a robust citizen participation process to plan for and utilize funding, which includes a public hearing and 30-day public comment period. HUD has the authority to reduce those requirements for communities affected by the disaster. The City provided the information for view on the City's webpage for a public comment period of 5 days from June 5-June 11, 2026 for the second round of RUSH funding. Per established regulations, grantees may reduce the public comment period to no less than 5-days. This substantial amendment is for the second round of RUSH funding allocated to the City of Tampa in the amount of \$1,066,228.

Public Hearing (1): A public hearing was held on **June 11, 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.

5. Summary of public comments

PUBLIC HEARING (1) June 12, 2025: There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING (2) July 24, 2025: There were no comments received from the public at the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 23, 2025-July 24, 2025

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 survey: **The full survey is provided as an attachment to this document.**

What comments, questions, concerns, and suggestions do you have for the City of Tampa and how we can better serve our communities?

- Building low-income multi-family housing for families that partner with non-profit organization programs that offer social services to families.
- Concerns over our current Administration and the cuts they are making/imposing on the Poor American Citizens who can afford these cuts the least.
- Hillsborough county BOCC has been non-transparent when it comes to its affordable housing budget.
- House the homeless now.
- I didn't notice any explicit mention of support for educational opportunities to acquire skills and or greater knowledge in an area of expertise. These are helpful for having the human capital available to attract higher paying employment opportunities to the area (needed for housing security).
- I would love to see more action around affordable housing/rent control/etc. so that folks can afford to live in Tampa.
- Keep focus on people and maintaining and creating communities that are able to thrive within.
- Make other options available for those that are above the poverty guidelines but are still not making enough to be considered middle or upper class.
- Make processing times for assistance shorter by cutting the amount of bureaucracy associated with vetting and qualifying.

There are working parents and 2 family households that may not qualify for need based, but are struggling, or someone just lost a job, there's no safety net to help struggling working households. I know it would need a limit on incomes to be eligible for help but it's a lot of families that need help but can't qualify for stamps or "need based".

- The RMAP program is a great opportunity for families to obtain well-needed rental assistance. However, the way the current system is set up needs to be revisited. It is not client friendly and therefore it makes it very difficult for them to access. I think it should be more like how the County NSC system works. Clients call in, they speak to a live person, once they qualify, they are assigned a case manager who assists them with their situation. Some of these clients are in emergency situations and it can take them weeks to access RMAP. They start their application; the system kicks them out and they can't get back in the finish the application. Then, they get a message saying quota reach for the day. There has to be a better way.
- Housing Assistance in Support of the Continuum of the Care Plan (Need Based). I agree, however, there are individuals/families that are still in need that do not meet the CoC criteria.
- We need affordable housing for all income levels and permanent supportive housing options for those that cannot maintain a household on their own.

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

ESG RUSH AMENDMENT:

- Public Hearing (1): A public hearing was held on June 11, 2026, at 5:01 PM to discuss the Draft Amendment to the PY2025 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.

- Public Comment Period: A 5-day public comment period was held from June 5, 2026, through and including June 11, 2026, to allow the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the draft Amendment to the PY2025 AAP. The document may be viewed online at <http://www.tampa.gov/hcd>. The document was also made available for review at the Housing and Community Development office located at 2555 E. Hanna Ave., Tampa, FL 33610.

No comments were received at the June 11, 2026 public hearing or by the public during the 5-day review period held June 5, 2026 through and including June 11, 2026. City Council approval of the Substantial Amendment was confirmed by resolution on June 11, 2026.

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

All comments are welcomed and accepted.

7. Summary

PY 2025 Action Plan is the fourth year of the 5-Year 2022-2026 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.

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
HOPWA C 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 partnering agencies is 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(I)

1. Introduction

In developing the PY25 AAP, the City of Tampa conducted a thorough outreach effort to engage with critical stakeholders in the area. The 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 goals in the overall 5-Year plan. This section explains the City's consultation efforts and coordination between the City and local agencies 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(I)).

The City of Tampa actively coordinates with the Tampa Housing Authority (THA) to address a multitude of needs within the City. Chief among these needs is 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 supports in health and housing. The City partners with THA to develop housing units that will benefit those emerging from homelessness.

The City is an active member of the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) Continuum of Care (CoC) and works closely with counterparts in Hillsborough County and THHI to address homelessness in our area. The City has also collaborated with the County to fund housing, public service and public facilities projects. Additionally, the City of Tampa makes every effort to coordinate with its neighboring local government partners, including Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando Counties. This coordination results in a streamlined HOPWA EMSA administrative process, coordination on regional fair housing efforts, and fair lending education and outreach efforts.

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

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 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 was conducted through multiple interactions, including direct engagement with providers working in coordination with THHI, one-on-one interaction with THHI officials, and during a CoC coordinating session.

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 Operation Reveille, a program to support homeless veterans in the City, and the annual Point In Time (PIT) homeless count. The City contracts with THHI to administer the ESG funds to various subrecipients. This collaboration allows for unified reporting and coordination of homeless services in Hillsborough County.

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.

ESG funds for PY 2025 were allocated in consultation with THHI to ensure maximum effectiveness of resources in areas with the greatest need. The City and the County utilize THHI to disburse ESG funds to the appropriate agencies. By having THHI disburse and manage the ESG contracts, a unified and seamless system of addressing homelessness can be achieved.

In terms of performance standards, the City is a member of the CoC and thus has a voice in THHI's development of performance standards for the CoC. 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.
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 adjacent local governments, and government agencies, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. In particular, as the administrator for four counties in the HOPWA service area, the City of Tampa works directly with officials from Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Officials from each of these units of government offer 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 provides HOPWA funding to THA and that will assist individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS in the City and in Hillsborough County.

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 state finance agency, 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 robust 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 2025 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.

ESG RUSH Amendment included one public hearing and a 5-day public comment period per HUD Requirements published in the Notice.

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 23, 2025, through July 24, 2025 , 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 12, 2025 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 24, 2025, 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

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
4	Public Survey	Non-Targeted/broad community	A public survey was distributed to community organizations between June 12, 2025 to July 15, 2025 to gather information on the housing and community development needs in the City.	Priority Needs include rental assistance, affordable housing, funding to address homeless needs, availability of services in larger area, workforce housing, additional funding for job training and education programs.	All comments are accepted.	https://form.jotform.com/251474588294167

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, LaGaceta, and the Florida Sentinel 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-june-12-and-july-24-public-hearing-168741
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-june-12-and-july-24-public-hearing-168741
7	Internet Outreach	Non-Targeted/broad community	Legal Ads and Notices were published on the City of Tampa HCD website and in Tampa Bay Times for all Public Hearings, and Public Comment Periods for ESG RUSH	There were no comments received from the public notices.	All Comments are accepted.	https://www.tampa.gov/housing-and-community-development

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on June 11, 2026, at 5:01 PM at the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602. The hearing is available 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

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This Annual Action Plan presents the City of Tampa’s strategic approach to housing and community development for PY 2025. The City will pursue

strategies focused on assistance for 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. The City anticipates it will receive federal CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA grant funds to address these needs. PY 2025 grant allocations are outlined in the following table below. The “Annual Allocation” field doesn’t accept cents. The HOME allocation is \$1,529,902.71.

RUSH Substantial Amendment

On January 10, 2025, HUD announced the first round of funding allocations through the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program, a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities affected by disasters. HUD has determined that Tampa was one of the areas impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and the first round of RUSH funding allocated to the City was \$1,000,000. This Amendment adds the second round of RUSH funding provided by HUD as announced on April 16, 2026 in the amount of \$1,066,228.

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	3,057,626	100,000	328,029	3,485,655	3,057,626	PY 2025 is the fourth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 1x 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	1,529,902	100,000	0	1,629,902	1,529,902	PY 2025 is the fourth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 1x 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	5,288,342	0	0	5,288,342	5,288,342	PY 2025 is the fourth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 1x 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	269,761	0	0	269,761	269,761	PY 2025 is the fourth year of the ConPlan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 1x more years of the annual allocation.

Other RUSH	Public- Federal	Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	\$1,066,228	0	0	\$1,066,228	0	RUSH funds are a one-time grant award over two rounds allocation to provide a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities hit by disasters.
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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 will use the federal funds to support projects and program activities implemented by City staff as well as non-profit organizations, developers, and other partners. For these projects to be successful, other state and local funding sources including in-kind resources are often leveraged with the federal funding in order to have sufficient resources to benefit the population to be served 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 activities will be matched by the agencies receiving funding from other sources, including public and private sources as well as foundations and fundraising.

The City is required to provide a specific percentage of funds from non-federal sources to be eligible to receive the HOME and ESG grant funds. The HOME program requires a 25% match which may be reduced by HUD if the City is distressed or suffered a Presidentially declared disaster. The City will satisfy the HOME match through use of the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) funding. The ESG program requires the City to provide a 1:1 match. The ESG match will be provided by the subrecipients selected through the annual application process and are ranked and awarded, in part by match funds. The HOPWA program does not require match funds. **ESG RUSH funds do not require match funds.**

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 implemented a single-family infill project with an income limit up to 140% AMI (SHIP funds used for families above 80% AMI) to encourage families with higher incomes to move into this area of concentrated poverty. The program to date includes 135 City owned properties with a tax value of approximately \$1,000,000, that creates housing units, deconcentrates poverty, increases wealth and stabilizes the East Tampa and 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 has yielded multiple successes. As property values increase, the project has also encouraged local residents with higher incomes to remain and invest in the area. The City's Infill program continues to spur additional development of housing by both for-profit and nonprofit builders. The Project is intended to help rebuild the inner city by providing affordable housing opportunities for income eligible individuals or households. These affordable housing opportunities are seen as the engine to further opportunities that will help foster place-making and community investment. It is also beneficial for the City to obtain input, knowledge of best practices, innovative financial packages, and master development alternatives related to redevelopment of vacant lots in the City using the construction, marketing, renting and selling of single-family attached, and single-family detached homes as a springboard. This construction project will be under the supervision of the City's Housing and Community Development (HCD).

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 PY 2025 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: \$647,427	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: 40 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	Citywide HOPWA EMSA	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: \$5,129,692	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 268 Households Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 23 Household Housing Unit HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 367 Household Housing Unit
2A Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development/Infrastructure	Citywide Eligible Areas	Public Facilities and Infrastructure; Special Economic Development	CDBG: \$864,440	Public Facilities Improved: 4; Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 8000 Persons assisted
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: \$858,643	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1395 Persons Assisted

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4A Homeless Assistance	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide Eligible Areas	Homeless Services	ESG: \$256,273	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 46 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 527 Persons Assisted
5A Planning and Administration	2022	2026		Citywide HOPWA EMSA	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$611,525 HOPWA: \$158,650 HOME: \$152,990 ESG: \$13,488	Other: 4
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

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6A Rapid Response Programs for the Homeless	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide Eligible Areas	Homeless Services	RUSH: \$1,066,228	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Homeless Prevention/Outreach: 500 Persons Assisted

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.
11	Goal Name	6A Rapid Response Programs for the Homeless
	Goal Description	Operate the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program, a rapid response program to address homelessness by filling in federal assistance gaps in communities hit by disasters. Similar to ESG, eligible activities under RUSH funding include emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homeless prevention activities, outreach and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. RUSH however, targets homeless individuals and those who are most at-risk of homelessness located in a disaster-affected area but cannot access all services provided by other federal programs, in particular FEMA.

Projects

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Introduction

This AAP presents the City of Tampa’s strategic approach to housing and community development for PY2025. The City will pursue strategies focused on assistance for 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 7.5% and 3.0% respectively.

RUSH Substantial Amendment

The City of Tampa will add a rapid response project to address homelessness for communities impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. This project is funded by HUD’s Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program. Eligible activities under this project include emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homeless prevention activities, outreach and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. RUSH funds are intended to target homeless individuals and those who are most at-risk of homelessness located in a disaster affected area but cannot access all services provided by other federal programs, in particular from FEMA. HUD announced on January 10, 2025 that the City of Tampa was one of the disaster affected areas, and received \$1,000,000 in the first grant allocations under RUSH. These funds were allocated in the PY2024 Annual Action Plan. On April 16, 2026 HUD announced the second allocation for the City of Tampa in the amount of \$1,066,228. The funds will be utilized in the same manner as the first allocation.

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

#	Project Name
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 Boley Centers, Inc.
18	HOPWA Catholic Charities
19	HOPWA Empath Partners in Care
20	HOPWA Metro Inclusive Health
21	HOPWA Support Services
22	HOPWA Tampa Housing Authority
23	Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Program

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 Administration has prioritized affordable housing by allocating 30% of the CRA (TIF) funding to affordable housing activities, as well as providing an allocation of \$10 million to support affordable housing development efforts and homeless outreach initiatives.

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, 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.

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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: \$611,525
	Description	Citywide administration of the PY 2025 CDBG program.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	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: \$458,643 (Maximum \$458,643)
	Description	Public services for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, who meet eligibility criteria.
	Target Date	9/30/2026

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing and non-housing Benefit: 1095 to be assisted with Public Service activities.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Citywide eligible areas</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p><u>Tampa Lighthouse Blind and Low Vision</u> – The Rehabilitation Program’s Independent Living and Workforce Components will provide eligible blind and visually impaired persons with the skills needed to maximize their independence in the home, in the community, and/or in a work or school setting as appropriate. \$75,000</p> <p><u>Hillsborough County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. D/B/A Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County:</u> Funding will support the SR150+ Initiative to increase access to affordable high-quality early education and care for children living in the City of Tampa that earn more than the qualifying income level of School Readiness but still cannot afford childcare. eligible families will automatically receive Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services. CCR&R helps families find and access the best early learning experiences and childcare programs. \$100,000</p> <p><u>Metropolitan Ministries, Inc. Homeless Housing Search Services:</u></p> <p>Funding will provide housing search and placement services at Metropolitan Ministries’ Miracle Place shelter, serving families and single women. Staff will identify and recruit landlords, assess housing needs and barriers, and assisting families in finding permanent housing. Funds will also support school transition and education efforts. \$125,000</p> <p><u>CDC of Tampa: Pre- Apprenticeship Training and Hiring (PATH)</u></p> <p>Funding will provide eligible City of Tampa residents ages 18 and older with pre-apprenticeship training and certification, connections to employer partners for on-the-job training, assistance in securing employment, and light case management to mitigate barriers to employment success. \$75,000</p> <p><u>Seniors in Service:</u> Senior Companion Program. Funding will support the engagement of trained older adult volunteers who will provide ongoing, regularly scheduled in-home visits, small group companionship, and/or telephone reassurance. This will promote social connection, mental stimulation, and support so that seniors can remain living independently with dignity. \$75,000</p>

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	9/30/2026
	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	9/30/2026
	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	<p>Planned activities for housing counseling include:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Housing & Education Alliance: \$100,000</p> <p>Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services: \$100,000</p> <p>Solita’s House: \$100,000</p> <p>REACH: \$100,000</p>
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	9/30/2026
	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	<p>Planned activities include:</p> <p>Mortgage Assistance Program, down payment assistance: \$0</p>
6	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation/Clearance
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1D Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,151,047

	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	9/30/2026
	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	9/30/2026
	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: \$864,440
	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	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facilities Assisted: 2, Persons Assisted 8000
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Cornerstone, Child Care Center Improvements: \$281,494 Metropolitan Ministries – Roof Replacement - \$157,500
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: \$152,990
	Description	Citywide administration of the PY 2025 HOME program.
	Target Date	9/30/2026

	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: \$229,485 (Minimum)
	Description	The City has set aside at least 15% of the HOME allocation for CHDO housing development activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	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	9/30/2026

	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	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Tenant-based rental assistance: 35 Households Assisted (housed and provided with case management services).
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include: Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program - EPIC 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. The program will assist 35 households in the City of Tampa limits. TBRA program: \$600,000
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: \$647,427
	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	9/30/2026
	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: \$269,761
	Description	The ESG 2025 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. THHI will administer the ESG funding on behalf of the City.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	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	<p>Planned activities will include:</p> <p>ESG Admin: \$13,488</p> <p><u>The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.</u> provides safe haven, emergency shelter, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence. (600 persons assisted). The location of this shelter is confidential. \$88,006</p> <p><u>Dawning Family Services</u> provides rapid re-housing assistance for the homeless. RRH services are provided by an onsite case manager/family care worker to provide short-term assistance. Services include relocation and stabilization, rental and utility deposits and arrear payments as well as up to three months of rental assistance (25 households assisted). \$84,134</p> <p><u>Catholic Charities</u> provides rapid re-housing assistance for the homeless. RRH services are provided by an onsite case manager/family care worker to provide short-term assistance. Services include relocation and stabilization, rental and utility deposits and arrear payments as well as up to three months of rental assistance (25 households assisted). \$84,133</p>
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: \$158,650
	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	9/30/2026

	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: \$224,042
	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	9/30/2026
	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. \$224,042
17	Project Name	HOPWA Boley Centers, Inc.
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,172,704
	Description	Boley Centers, Inc. uses HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members in Pinellas County. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBRA: 88 households in Pinellas County.
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Pinellas County
	Planned Activities	Boley Centers, Inc., uses HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members. HOPWA funds will also help support operating and administrative costs associated with these services. HOPWA funds will assist 88 households in Pinellas County. \$1,172,704
18	Project Name	HOPWA Catholic Charities
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,403,700
	Description	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County and Hernando 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	9/30/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBRA: 80 households in Hillsborough and Hernando 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	<p><u>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</u> 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 and Hernando County. \$984,967</p> <p><u>Mercy House</u> 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. \$336,601</p> <p><u>Mercy Apartments</u> 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. \$82,132</p>
19	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: \$1,078,635
	Description	Empath Partners in Care provides tenant-based rental assistance, STRMU and supportive services programs for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2026

	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>TBRA: 31 households in Pinellas County.</p> <p>TBRA: 20 households in Pasco County</p> <p>HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 43 households in Hillsborough County (STRMU)</p> <p>Supportive Services: 280 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County.</p> <p>Supportive Services: 150 unduplicated households in Pinellas County.</p>
	<p>Location Description</p>	<p>HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County, Pinellas County</p>

	Planned Activities	<p><u>Supportive Services Hillsborough</u>, 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 280 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. \$260,000</p> <p><u>Supportive Services Pinellas</u>, 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 150 unduplicated households in Pinellas County. \$102,888</p> <p><u>TBRA Pinellas</u>, EPIC uses HOPWA funds to provide a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Pinellas County. HOPWA funds will also cover operating and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 31 households in Pinellas County. \$357,115</p> <p><u>Tenant Based Rental Assistance Pasco County</u>, 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 20 unduplicated households in Pasco County. \$230,469</p> <p><u>Short Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance - Hillsborough County</u>, EPIC provides short term rent/mortgage/utility (STRMU) 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 be assisted with short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance. HOPWA funds will assist 43 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. \$128,163</p>
20	Project Name	HOPWA Metro Inclusive Health
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services

	Funding	HOPWA: \$295,000
	Description	Metro Inclusive Health uses HOPWA funds to provide supportive services to those living with HIV/AIDS residing in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 400 households in Hillsborough County (STRMU)
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County, Pinellas 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 250 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County and 150 unduplicated households in Pinellas County. STRMU Hillsborough County: \$165,000 STRMU Pinellas County: \$130,000
21	Project Name	HOPWA Support Services
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$0
	Description	Supportive service program for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Supportive Services: 120 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County.
	Location Description	HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County.
	Planned Activities	Supportive services that include case management, behavioral health and mental health referrals, housing information, meals/nutrition, transportation, employment/vocational training services and benefits assistance/navigation. HOPWA funds will assist with supportive services, operating and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 120 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. \$0
22	Project Name	HOPWA Tampa Housing Authority
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	1F Supportive Housing Operations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$955,611
	Description	Tampa Housing Authority provides tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members throughout Hillsborough County. The admin is capped at 7% for project sponsors.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBRA: 75 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County.
	Location Description	Citywide, HOPWA EMSA, Hillsborough County
Planned Activities	Tampa Housing Authority 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 75 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. \$955,611	

23	Project Name	Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Program
	Target Area	Citywide Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	6A Rapid Response Programs for the Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	RUSH: \$1,066,228
	Description	RUSH is a rapid response program to address homelessness for communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. Eligible activities under this project include emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homeless prevention activities, outreach and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. RUSH funds are intended to target homeless individuals and those who are most at-risk of homelessness located in a disaster affected area but cannot access all services provided by other federal programs.
	Target Date	6/16/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Homeless Prevention/Outreach: 500 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include: RUSH Admin (7.5%): \$79,967 Rapid re-housing rental assistance for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in disaster areas. An estimated 50 households will be assisted (37.5%): \$400,000 Homeless prevention services to help individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness. This may include housing stabilization activities and rental/utility assistance. An estimated 100 households will be assisted (18.0%): \$191,757 Street outreach activities to meet the immediate needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services. As estimated 400 persons will be assisted (37.0%): \$394,504

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 2022-2026 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, Pasco, and Pinellas 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 or a recipient of City funded public services, beneficiaries must meet income 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. Additional CRA funding may be allocated to those residing in specific areas with available programs.

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 \$98,400 and low-income is \$83,450 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 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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 PY 2025.

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 35,000 residents in the Tampa Bay area. This Agency currently administers 371 public housing units and 12,033 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, and 188 units are under construction.

The housing inventory managed by THA and made available through Section 8 and other 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, persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, and extremely low-income families. In addition to working with THA, the City of Tampa also works with other housing authorities in the region through its role as the administrator for HOPWA funds across a four-county Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA).

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

The City will provide PY 2025 HOPWA funds to THA to be utilized to provide rental assistance vouchers for persons with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members and administrative costs. HOPWA funds will assist 7 unduplicated households in Hillsborough County. The City also provides funds for development assistance to THA that allows them to compete for State Low Income Tax Credits, and other gap funding for multi-family rental construction projects.

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 planned for conversion in the Robles Park area.

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 welfare assistance, making progress towards the goal of achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency, and understanding that 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@thaf1.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@thaf1.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). The City funds THHI through general funds as well as ESG funds. In accord with CoC efforts, the City assists in outreach to homeless persons working with two dedicated City of Tampa Police Officers as homeless liaisons and four HCD homeless outreach team members. 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 homeless community. Working jointly with the two dedicated officers from the Tampa Police Department, the 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 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 CDBG-CV funding 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 has 100 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 Dawning Family Services and Catholic Charities to provide Rapid Rehousing services to homeless persons. RRH services are provided by an onsite case manager/family care worker to provide short-term assistance. Services include relocation and stabilization, rental and utility deposits and arrear payments as well as up to three months of rental assistance. The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI), the CoC Lead Agency, serves as the administrator of the City's ESG funds in an effort to collaborate all efforts to help persons facing homelessness.

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 list of chronic homeless is assessed monthly and agencies work together to shorten their homeless status. The City provides operating support to the THHI annually using

general funds, as well as assistance to other nonprofit organizations to provide direct assistance to help individuals and families avoid homelessness and make the transition to permanent housing or independent living.

One of the CoC's targeted efforts include ending Veteran and chronic homelessness utilizing a "Housing First" model to rapidly re-house every Veteran experiencing homelessness through the ongoing Operation: REVEILLE. Stable housing is achieved and then paired with case management and wrap around services.

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 and Move In Assistance Program (RMAP). The City's RMAP program provides security deposit and rental 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-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless is housing counseling and services that improve their economic status. This involves focusing on stabilizing housing costs for LMI families, stabilizing neighborhoods, improving schools and expanding

wealth through homeownership. Homeownership Counseling along with the affordable housing development projects help the City to reach this goal. The City funds housing counseling agencies who help clients to budget, repair credit, improve employment status and save for unexpected expenses. All of these services help families to stabilize their housing. These services work hand in hand with our homeless programs to help families emerging from homelessness to be more successful in making the transition.

Empath Partners in Care (EPIC) utilizes HOME funding to provide TBRA and HOPWA funding to provide TBRA, STMU, and supportive services to prevent homelessness. In PY 2025, these programs are expected to provide 430 households with supportive services, 40 households with STMU, and 86 households with TBRA.

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 2,040 persons experiencing homelessness each year. 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 2016 – 2020 CHAS data there are approximately 12,290 cost burdened renter households and 11,075 severely cost burdened renter households that have income below 30% of the AMI. 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 (I)(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

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 newcomers. 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 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 take to address the obstacles of underserved needs is to partner and provide funding to local agencies that are specialized in the 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 outreach and provide 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. HCD staff have translated the HCD webpage to offer a Spanish version. 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 partners to address this issue and leverage its resources. The City funds new construction,

owner-occupied rehab programs; as well as a 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 FY26/25 dollars are General Fund allocations to be spent on tenant and homeowner support programs and homeless prevention.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing:

The City of Tampa annually selects 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 disseminates 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 2025 Action Plan directly work towards 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, 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. As mentioned earlier, 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(I)(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(I)(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

\$1,000-\$14,99.99 = 5 years

\$15,000-\$40,000 = 10 years

More than \$40,000 = 15 years

Reconstruction or New Construction = 20 years (as per the City of Tampa Policy)

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).

The City of Tampa has partnered with the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) for the management of ESG funds. THHI oversees the subrecipient agreements and administration of ESG funds to homeless service providers. THHI issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) that includes funding opportunities through the City of Tampa/ESG funding source. THHI holds a Pre-Proposal Workshop via Zoom, handles RFP questions, establishes funding priorities, and advertises the eligibility criteria and proposal requirements. THHI staff conducts a threshold review to ensure adherence to the eligibility criteria. The CoC Ranking and Review Committee will meet virtually to score each project proposal using the Universal RFP Threshold and Scoring Criteria. The THHI Board Review Committee will meet virtually to receive project recommendations from the Ranking and Review Committee and determine funding recommendations for the THHI Board of Directors. At the THHI Board of Directors meeting, the Board will make the final approval of projects for funding. THHI will then send out a Notice of Selection, Conditional Selection, or Non-Selection to all project proposal applicants.

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.