



Board of Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

LOCATION:

THA ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
5301 WEST CYPRESS STREET
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33607



**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

James A. Cloar
Chair

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Find Employee of the Month, Barnes Award Recipient and
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April 15, 2020

*** ALL SPEAKERS APPROACH THE MIC AND STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD ***

THIS MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY OR ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERS 20-52, 20-68 AND 20-69 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY LEGAL COUNSEL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW NOW ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND PRUDENT PRECAUTIONS AS A RESULT THEREOF, IT IS BEING CONDUCTED IN A WAY TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PROTECTION TO OUR COMMISSIONERS, STAFF, RESIDENTS AND THE PUBLIC. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE TO ANYONE, BUT WE ASK YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLIANCE TEMPORARILY. THANK YOU.

I. VIRTUAL MEETING

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Moment of Silent Prayer and/or Personal Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Reading of the Mission Statement

The Mission Statement for the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa is:

**CULTIVATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
WHILE EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular/Virtual Board Meeting of March 18, 2020

III. PUBLIC FORUM

- Maximum three-minute limit per speaker
- Website: <https://zoom.us/j/397951596?pwd=SWIZNEJpdDNwaStzNWdybDc2anRnZz09>
Or dial in +1 301 715 8592 US -- Meeting ID: 397 951 596

IV. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH (Central Administration/Properties)

- Administration ~ Donald MacInnis

V. RECOGNITIONS

- Geraldine Barnes Award Recipient ~ Matira Anderson

AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

VI. RESOLUTIONS

2020-4159 Leroy Moore	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A SPONSOR AND APPLYING TO THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BANK'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS SERVICES PROGRAMS, WHICH INCLUDES THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS.
2020-4160 Leroy Moore	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL IN THE EVENT OF BONA FIDE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

VII. PRESIDENT/CEO'S REPORT

Finance and Related Entities ~ [Susi Begazo-McGourty](#)
Operations and Real Estate Development ~ [Leroy Moore](#)

VIII. NOTICES AND UPDATES

IX. LEGAL MATTERS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Repeat Public Forum
- Website: <https://zoom.us/j/397951596?pwd=SWlZNEJpdDNwaStzNWdybDc2anRnZz09>
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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular/Virtual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa, Florida

March 18, 2020

I. MEETING

Chairman James Cloar called the regular meeting of the Tampa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to order at 8:35 a.m. The Chairman and Legal counsel Ricardo Gilmore were present for this meeting. Commissioners present online were Parker Homans, Lorena Hardwick, Bemetra Salter Liggins and Ben Dachevall. Commissioner Billi Johnson-Griffin was not acknowledged as present online during roll call, she later stated she had been present throughout the meeting but was unable to participate.

Before proceeding with this meeting, attorney Gilmore addressed the Board regarding preventive measures that were taken in order to hold this meeting, considering the threat of Coronavirus COVID-19. The attorney suggested a special meeting soon to discuss these measures and to be certain that the agency complied with public meeting guidelines.

The Chair began by asking everyone for a moment of silent prayer and/or personal meditation; those in attendance were also asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance; recital of the agency's mission statement followed.

II. MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Board Meeting of February 19, 2020 was made by Commissioner Dachevall, seconded by Commissioner Homans and passed:

Commissioner Homans	Yes	Commissioner Salter Liggins	Present
Commissioner Hardwick	Present	Commissioner Dachevall	Yes
Commissioner Cloar	Yes		

A motion to approve the Minutes of the special Board Meeting of February 27, 2020 was made by Commissioner Salter Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Dachevall and passed:

Commissioner Homans	Yes	Commissioner Salter Liggins	Yes
Commissioner Hardwick	Present	Commissioner Dachevall	Yes
Commissioner Cloar	Yes		

III. PUBLIC FORUM (3 Minute limit allotted per speaker)

None to come before this forum

IV. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

- Administration ~ [Emily Cameron](#)
- Properties ~ [Felix Bermudez](#)

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Geraldine Barnes Award Recipients)

- Recipient ~ [Thelma "Astralia" Akbar](#)

VI. RESOLUTIONS

The Director of the Department of Facilities, Mr. Terrance Brady presented resolution 2020-4157.

No. 2020-4157	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT SEMINOLE APARTMENTS.
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A motion was made by Commissioner Salter Liggins to table above resolution and later withdrawn. The Commissioner added that she had requested during previous Board meetings to include the contract in the Board meeting information packet provided to Board members for each meeting.

The Sr. VP/COO, Mr. Leroy Moore addressed Commissioner Salter Liggins, he stated that the actual contract was normally not included in the bid packet, adding that by tabling the resolution for another month will jeopardize close out by end of August; the contract had already been gravely delayed pending on approvals that had come to date, adding that the two resolutions on the agenda were the whole purpose for proceeding with today's Board meeting.

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Commissioner Dacheballi also weighed in regarding Commissioner Salter Liggins concerns as well as Attorney Gilmore, who addressed Commissioners by stating that he understood Commissioner Salter Liggins concerns and he agreed that this was not the first time she raised this concern. The attorney added that the contract format was something that had been approved before, however if the resolution gets approved, he would re-review the contract and provide it in comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dacheballi, seconded by Commissioner Salter Liggins and passed:

Commissioner Homans	Yes	Commissioner Salter Liggins	Yes
Commissioner Hardwick	Yes	Commissioner Dacheballi	Yes
Commissioner Cloar	Yes		

Mr. Brady proceeded to present resolution 2020-4158.

No. 2020-4158	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CDBG GRANT TO ASSIST IN THE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT SEMINOLE APARTMENTS.
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A motion was made by Commissioner Dacheballi, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and passed:

Commissioner Homans	Yes	Commissioner Salter Liggins	Yes
Commissioner Hardwick	Yes	Commissioner Dacheballi	Yes
Commissioner Cloar	Yes		

VII. PRESIDENT/CEO'S REPORT

Finance and Related Entities

The Sr. VP/CFO, Ms. Susi Begazo-McGourty briefly updated Board members, she stated that her staff was working on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as her staff continued meeting with directors; her staff will reach out to meet with Commissioners to go over the budget.

Operations and Real Estate Development

Mr. Moore began his report with an update regarding the relocation of Robles Park families, the last family in the Zion buildings had moved out; staff was in the process of procuring fencing around those five buildings to secure the site.

At Encore, staff was close to securing a letter of intent for lot 10 and was expected before the end of this week. Lot 9 was actively under construction, this lot was sold to Transwestern, it was good to see that first commercial parcel starting to be developed, added the COO.

Good news for West River, in addition to the groundbreaking March 10th of all three buildings, there was now a letter of intent executed with Lennar for the purchase of 68 townhome lots, to develop this for sale product. There will be approximately 30 days under the LOI before it gets to the point of contract.

Mr. Moore responded to questions from Commissioners regarding the recently empty space by the Faedo's restaurant. The key had been turned in about two weeks ago due to having broken the lease, there will be some contract responses to that, added the COO, although at the same time, staff had started to consider other restaurants. There was already one prospect interested, staff was waiting to officially get the keys back and do a full inventory, as well as create a clean break from the old lease, before a new lease is negotiated. The COO hoped to have good news in 30 to 60 days for a new restaurant to occupy the space vacated by Faedo's at the Ella building at Encore.

The Director of Human Resources, Mr. Kenneth Christie provided an update regarding how the agency was dealing with the Coronavirus. Information was gathered over the past few weeks from sources such as the Center for Disease Control, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Tampa, the Insurance Society for Human Resources Management, Risk Insurance Management Society, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO). The HR department followed the Coronavirus outbreak from as early as mid-February 2020. With instructions from THA President and CEO, the HR team put together a Pandemic Response to Inform from its Risk Insurance Management Society membership. The advance planning for this pandemic was part of THA's Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan.

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As a result, a 3-Stage process was developed and implemented. The agency was currently in Stage 1, which was the alert stage; activities for this stage have to do with gathering and communicating preventive measures to safeguard THA staff, specifically advocating for flu shots, hand washing, as well as properly covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. In this stage, staff is educated regarding the threat of COVID-19. THA staff and facilities were provided with a COVID-19 Safety Prevention flyer, printed in English and Spanish and was posted at the corporate office as well as THA properties; flyers were posted on all bulletin boards, by water fountains, in bathroom stalls, etc. Staff is also provided with updated information regarding infectious disease guidelines on how to prevent the spread of infection in the workplace, limiting travel, telecommuting, staying at home when ill, request for medical information and/or documentation for staff returning from illnesses, assuring the staff of the confidentiality of their medical information, alerting staff of social distancing guidelines for workplace infectious disease outbreak.

Stage 1 guidelines promote cleaning and sanitization of workspaces and gathering areas. Mr. Christie also informed Commissioners that the agency's Florida Blue insurance has waived the cost of COVID-19 testing for its members. THA directors have identified key operation within their departments and the individuals that will serve as key contacts for the continuation of identified services from remote work sites or home, if needed.

Additionally, Mr. Christie provided details with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), as to the limited services by the Department of Assisted Housing that will be undertaken under Stage 1.

Following recommendations from the Florida Center for Disease Control and Prevention, THA's Asset Management properties will follow restriction guidelines.

JL Young's Community Room was already closed and all activities were cancelled; lunch will be provided for 14 days by Hillsborough County's Lunch Program; the laundry room and mail room will only operate during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; residents will be seen by appointment only; there was a number provided for after-hours emergency work. JL Young will have limits on visitors with the exception of CNA's and healthcare individuals were also recommended due to the majority of residents being 65 and older.

THA's Palm Terrace Assisted Living Facility utilized the COVID-19 checklist from the CDC, which provided staff with information regarding sanitizers and safety precautions. Palm Terrace staff sent out letters to vendors and partners that advised them of limited visits to the ALF, visitors and resident families were notified of the visiting restrictions in compliance with the Surgeon General and the CDC. The facility is currently setup with Skype and Zoom connection for families to check on their loved ones.

Mr. Christie proceeded to inform Board members regarding Stage 2 of the agency's Business Continuity Plan, not yet in place as the agency was currently on Stage 1, said the director. Stage 2 was the agency's partial closure, the agency is closed to the public, employees are reporting to work as usual. Stage 2 activities include text messaging being enabled for all company cell phones, established protocols for tracking employees and/or tenants' infections and making sure that these are reported to local health authorities, specifically the Hillsborough County Department of Health; distribution of public access resources for tenants to improve education and alleviate fears. The director reiterated that basically, THA buildings will be open to employees but most foot trafficking will not be allowed.

At Stage 3 the agency shuts down; for a specified time, the THA headquarters and properties are closed to staff and the public. Access will only be allowed for key employees, identified in Stage 1 by THA directors. Facilities and Asset Management will corroborate on the appropriate protocols for maintaining staff by location tracking and interaction with residents, as well as properties' onsite staff will be provided with the necessary supplies. Basically, in Stage 3 is a shutdown of THA facilities, services only in emergency situations, employees remotely working, telecommuting or working from home.

Commissioner Dachepalli asked if our systems will be able to handle all 200+ THA employees to be working from home. Information Technologies Director, Mr. Mike Tepfer responded that for the majority of THA employees, the systems that they will need to access are not located at THA premises, these are Cloud based systems hosted by the companies themselves, as such they (the companies) will most certainly be able to handle the volume. The IT department has tested the systems by encouraging directors to test working from home to be sure all necessary access is available; continued testing will be performed.

The Commissioner also asked how THA would handle an infected resident and what notices have residents been provided. Mr. Moore responded that Mr. Christie also mentioned regarding notices to the residents in his report, they have also been provided with instructions on how to contact the Health Department and others if they have symptoms, as well as how to protect themselves in terms of hand washing, sanitizers and social distancing solutions.

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If an individual at any of THA properties or offices is infected with the virus there are protocols in the plan, about cleaning that space and bringing professionals to clean those spaces. Residents will be provided with a COVID-19 check list provided by NTHDC Director, Mr. Don Shea.

Mr. Ryans added that employees have been encouraged to go home if they feel sick, regardless if they have sick time or not. Facilities Director, Mr. Terrance Brady stated that there will be at least one maintenance person on site during the day for emergency workorders, the on-call system will still be in place for emergency workorders, as well.

Commissioner Homans asked if amenities at certain buildings such as fitness centers and club rooms will shut down at THA properties. Mr. Christie responded that indeed those areas were already closed at the present time.

VIII. NOTICES AND UPDATES

None to come before this forum

IX. LEGAL MATTERS

Attorney Ricardo Gilmore thanked THA staff for putting so much work into the 3-Stage Operational Plan for this meeting, adding that THA was likely the first housing authority to have conducted a meeting in this way. The attorney recognized Mr. Tepfer for getting the meeting set up so quickly; he hoped that THA does not have to meet like this long term but if so, he hoped that Mr. Tepfer would be refining how it gets done to make it easier.

Because the 3-Stage Plan was so comprehensive, he asked Mr. Ryans to circulate it to fellow housing authorities for them to consider implementation.

Commissioner Salter Liggins reiterated, that whenever Board members are asked to make decisions that require legal counsel to weigh in, that they have an opportunity to do so before it is brought to the Board, adding that not being an attorney herself, she takes much comfort in knowing what the attorneys have to say about decisions made by this Board.

Chairman Clear announced that Board members would reconvene for a directors' meeting immediately after this meeting.

Once again, the Chair opened the meeting for public forum and again none to come before this forum.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to come before this forum

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None to come before this forum

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Board, the Chair declared this meeting of the THA Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Approved this 15th day of April 2020,

Chairperson

Secretary

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa

**TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY SHEET**

1. Describe the action requested of the Board of Commissioners

Re.: Resolution Number: 2020-4159

The Board of Commissioners is requested to approve the above-referenced resolution:

Authorizing The President/Ceo of the Housing Authority of the City Of Tampa to Execute Documents Required For Registering as a Sponsor and applying to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta to Participate in The Bank's Community Investments Services Programs, which includes the Affordable Housing Programs.

2. Who is making request:

Entity: Tampa Housing Authority

Project: N/A

Originator: Leroy Moore

3. Cost Estimate (if applicable):

N/A

4. Narrative:

Execute Documents Required for registering as a sponsor and applying to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta to Participate in the Bank's Community Investments Services Programs, Which includes the Affordable Housing Programs

Attachments (if applicable):

Resolution Summary Sheet

Memorandum

Resolution FY2020-4159

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: April 7, 2020
To: Board of Commissioners
Through: Jerome D. Ryans, President/CEO
From: Leroy Moore, Senior Vice-President/COO
Subject: **Resolution 2020-4159**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A SPONSOR AND APPLYING TO THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BANK'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS SERVICES PROGRAMS, WHICH INCLUDES THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

This resolution is necessary in order to authorize the President/CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa to register and subsequently make applications to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. The Authority desires to submit future funding applications to the Atlanta Bank under the Affordable Housing Programs which is within the Bank's Community Investments Services Programs. This resolution will authorize the President/CEO to register and submit future funding application to the Atlanta Bank.

If you have any questions ahead of the scheduled Board Meeting please don't hesitate to call Leroy Moore, at 813-341-9101 ext. 3690.

RESOLUTION NO. FY2020-4159

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A SPONSOR AND APPLYING TO THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BANK'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS SERVICES PROGRAMS, WHICH INCLUDES THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa (Authority) as part of the redevelopment of North Boulevard Homes and Mary Bethune Hi-rise has been actively pursuing funding commitments from a variety of public and private sources;

WHEREAS, the Authority has identified funding opportunities which may exist at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, specifically within the Community Investments Services Programs, which includes the Affordable Housing Programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta requires that prospective Sponsors be duly authorized by its governing Board before Sponsors register with the Bank and before subsequent funding applications are submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa authorizes the President/CEO to execute any and all documents required for registering with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and submission of funding applications under the Bank's Community Investments Services Programs, including the Affordable Housing Programs.

Adopted this 15th day of April 2020.

Chairperson

Secretary

**TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY SHEET**

1. Describe the action requested of the Board of Commissioners

Re.: Resolution Number: 2020-4160

The Board of Commissioners is requested to approve the above-referenced resolution:

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL IN THE EVENT OF BONA FIDE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

2. Who is making request:

Entity: Tampa Housing Authority

Project: N/A

Originator: Leroy Moore

3. Cost Estimate (if applicable):

N/A

4. Narrative:

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PRIOR APPROVAL IN THE EVENT OF BONA FIDE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Attachments (if applicable):

Resolution Summary Sheet

Memorandum

Resolution FY2020-4160

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: April 7, 2020

To: Board of Commissioners

Through: Jerome D. Ryans, President/CEO

From: Leroy Moore, Senior Vice-President/COO

Subject: **Resolution 2020-4160**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL IN THE EVENT OF BONA FIDE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

This resolution is necessary in order to authorize the President/CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa to be better prepared to continue operations during declared Emergency Situations by recognizing the needs of the President/CEO to be able to take actions necessary to respond in such situations. This resolution will authorize the President/CEO to take such actions and seek later Board ratification when the emergency has subsided.

If you have any questions ahead of the scheduled Board Meeting please don't hesitate to call Leroy Moore, at 813-341-9101 ext. 3690.

RESOLUTION NO. FY2020-4160

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL IN THE EVENT OF BONA FIDE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

WHEREAS, there are events that may occur from time to time that constitute bona fide emergency situations, which for the purposes of this Resolution shall be defined as events of a catastrophic or extreme nature, regardless of whether natural or man-made in occurrence, where the health, welfare, and/or safety of the public in general and/or specifically the residents and/or clients served by the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa (Authority) may be threatened, and/or where the lives and/or property of the public in general and/or specifically the residents and/or clients served by the Authority may be endangered, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the President/CEO or his/her designee; and,

WHEREAS, such emergency situations may require the President/CEO or his/her designee to have to make decisions within a timeframe and/or under circumstances that would not reasonably allow him/her or his/her designee to request an emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Authority to approve in advance said decisions concerning but not necessarily limited to procurement of needed services and expenditures of funds in excess of his/her normal limits of expenditures without Board approval, entering into binding contracts for expenditures of funds in excess of his/her normal limits of expenditures without Board approval, relocation of the residents and/or clients of PHA, deployment of staff in roles pursuant to their job descriptions and/or roles outside of their normal job descriptions, and/or all other reasonable and defensible actions that he/she or his/her designee deems necessary pursuant to the emergency situations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Authority hereby authorizes the President/CEO or his/her designee, during emergency situations as defined herein, to make reasonable decisions if and when such emergency situations present a timeframe and/or circumstances that would not reasonably allow him/her or his/her designee to request an emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Authority to approve these decisions, subject to final Board approval said decisions concerning but not necessarily limited to procurement of needed services, expenditures of funds in excess of his/her normal limits of expenditures without Board approval, entering into binding contracts for expenditures of funds in excess of his/her normal limits of expenditures without Board approval, relocation of the residents and/or clients of the Authority, deployment of staff in roles pursuant to their job descriptions and/or roles outside of their normal job descriptions, and/or all other reasonable and defensible actions that he/she or his/her designee deems necessary pursuant to the emergency situations. During the emergency situations, the President/CEO or his/her designee shall make all reasonable efforts by any available communication methods to contact the Board Chairperson to keep him/her apprised of any and all actions being undertaken by the President/CEO or his/her designee pursuant to this resolution. Such authority shall abate when the emergency situations have reasonably concluded. At the earliest available time, the President/CEO or his/her designee shall arrange for a meeting of the Board of the Authority to consider and potentially ratify the decisions made by the President/CEO or his/her designee during the emergency situations. The reasonableness of any and all actions by the President/CEO or his/her designee during the emergency situations shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Board the Authority.

Adopted this 15th Day of April 2020

Chairperson

Secretary

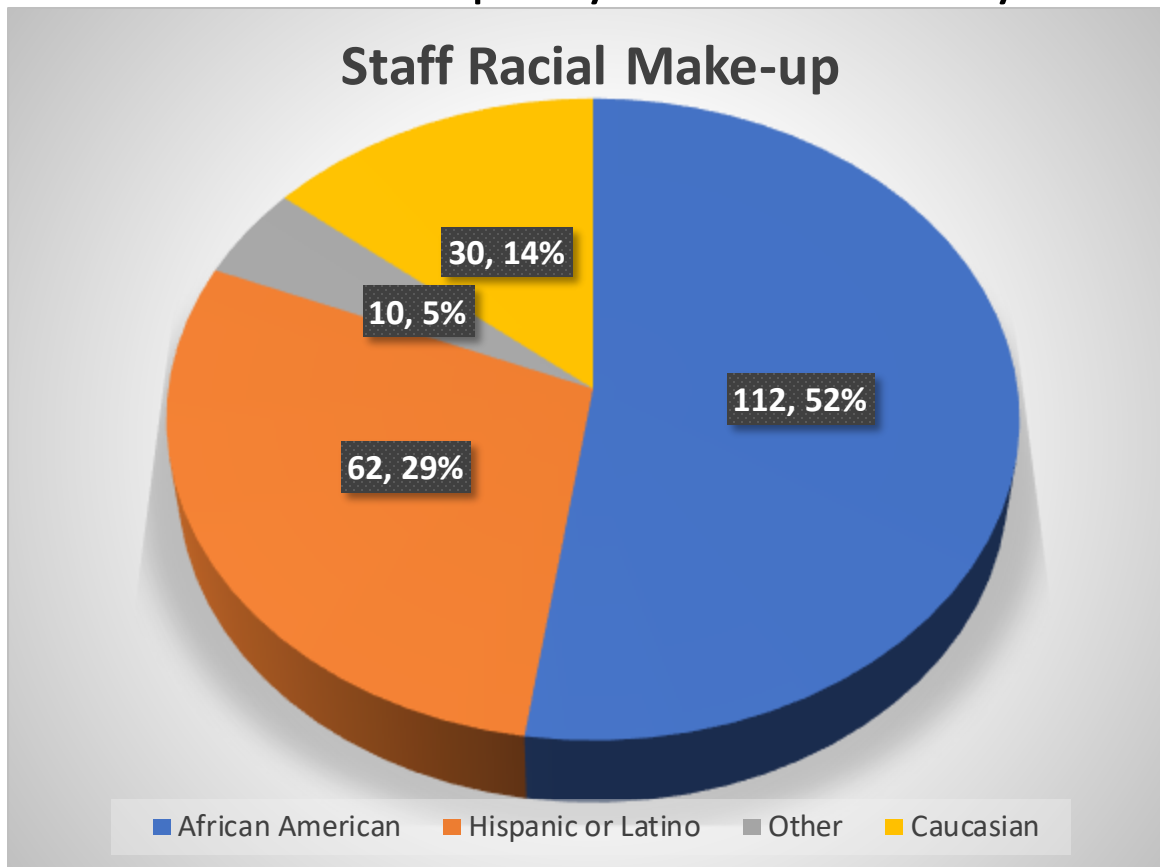
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Risk Management, Professional Development & Compliance

March 2020

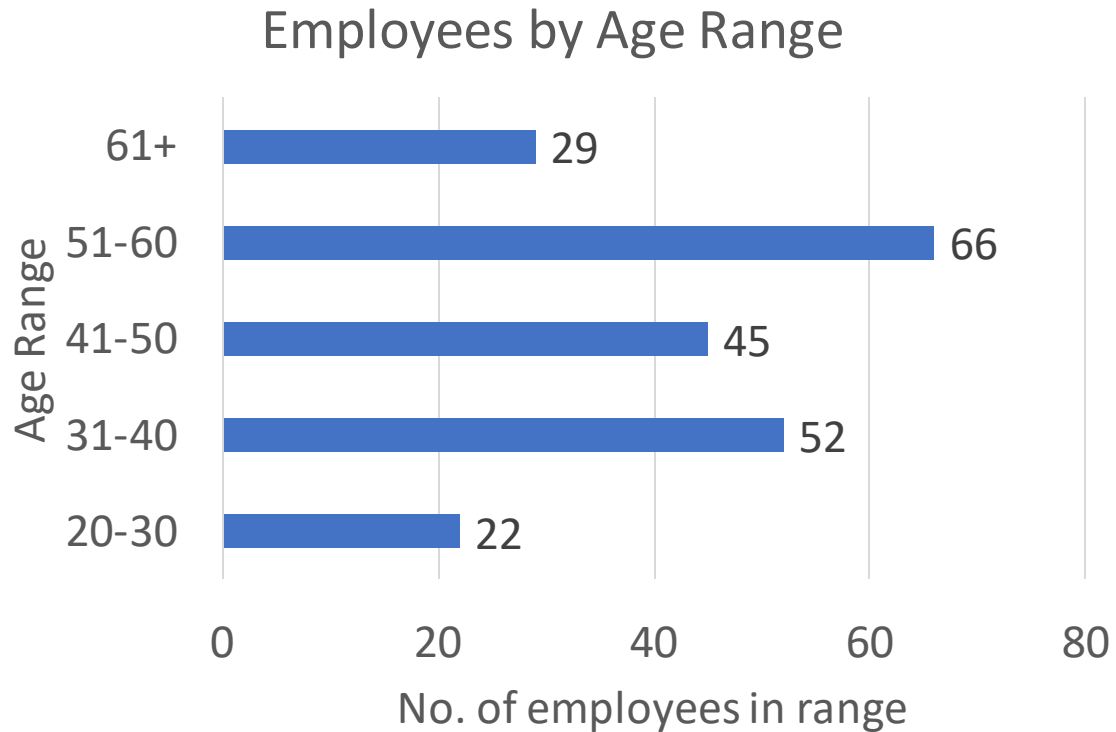
THA Employee Statistics

FTE Make-up	
Regular FT	187
Temp FT	24
Temp Part Time	3
Total Employees:	214
Residents on Payroll	12 -- 5.6%

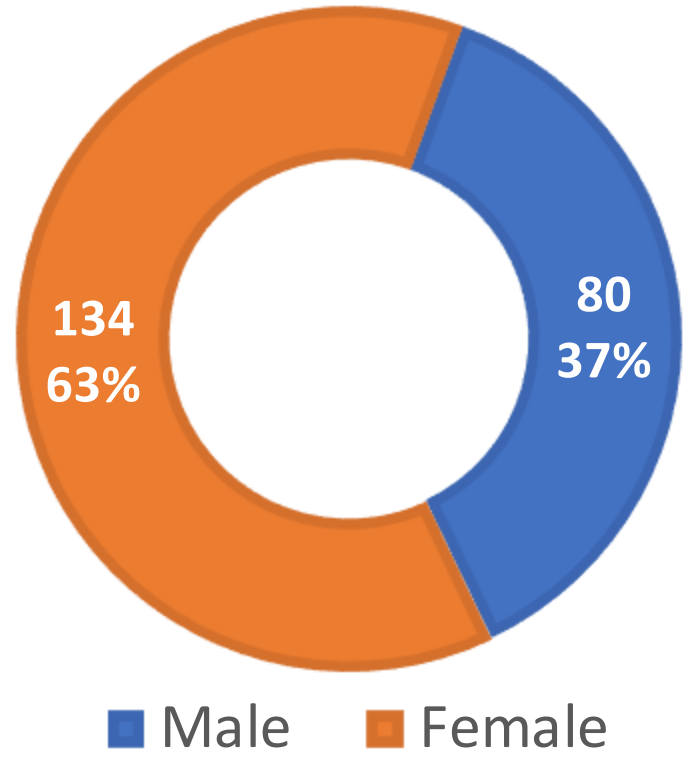
THA Employee Diversity



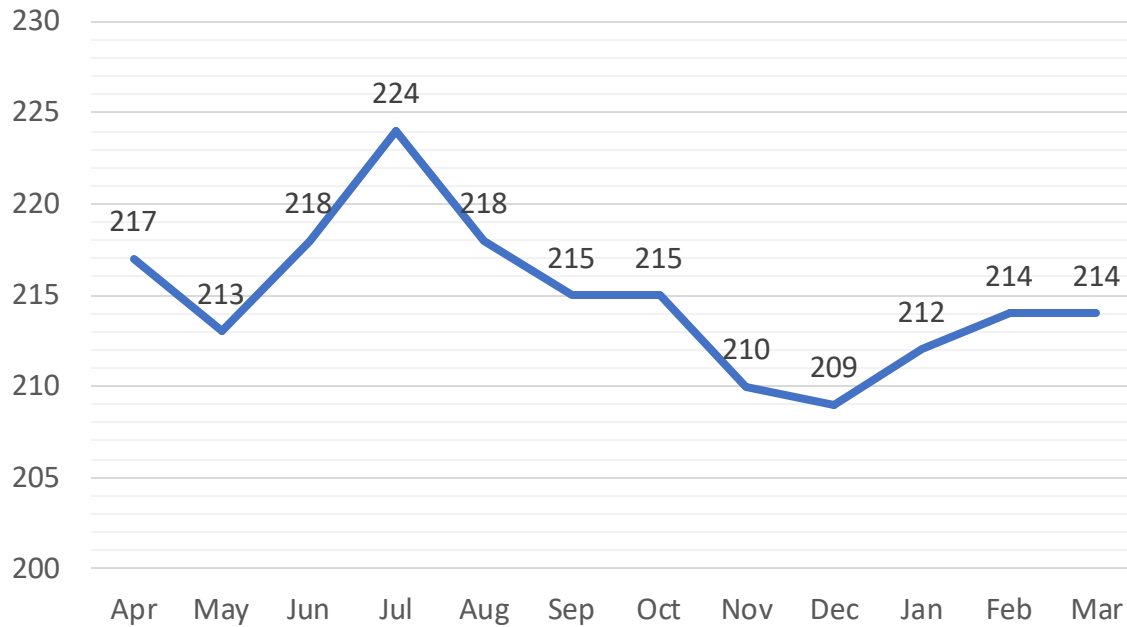
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THA Employee Gender Diversity



Total THA Employees Fiscal Year 2020



Housing Residents Employed by THA

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>PROPERTY</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>Hire Date</i>
<i>Assisted Housing</i>			
	Section 8	FSS Counselor	10/28/2019
	Section 8	Customer Care Representative	10/02/2017
	Shimberg Estates	Support Specialist	06/25/2012
	Section 8	Support Specialist	06/19/2017
<i>Program & Property Services</i>			
	Section 8	Youth Program Manager	11/05/2003
	Moses White	Youth Counselor	02/14/2011
	ORCC	ORCC Service Coordinator	07/18/2011
	Robles Park	Jobs Plus Community Coach	06/05/2017
	Robles Park	Jobs Plus Community Coach	06/19/2017
	C. Blythe Andrews	Sustainability Ambassador Coach	07/29/2019
	Section 8	Youth Counselor	02/24/2020
<i>Asset Management</i>			
	Section 8	Property Associate	07/24/2006
TOTAL PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS EMPLOYED: 12			



APRIL Employee of the Month

ADMINISTRATION



Donald MacInnis

The Information Technology department selected Donald MacInnis for April's Employee of the Month.

Donald MacInnis is a 7-year THA employee. He has designed, enhanced and kept current our THA website throughout this time, and has saved the agency thousands of dollars with his ability to create and manage a website and build his own third-party applications instead of having the agency purchase them.

Donald, in the past year, he has Consistently built upon and upgraded both our landlord and tenant portals based on recommendations from departments and user feedback. He worked to make sure our entire website is ADA compliant.

Most recently worked with a third party to develop a Waiting list Update application that applicants can log into to verify their status on the waitlist, update all relevant information for each applicant so we can transfer that data into our system to assist with the intake process.

Donald also responded immediately with departmental updates to our website to convey information about COVID-19.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY REPORT

Department of Program and Property Services
Stephanie Brown-Gilmore, Director
March 2020

The Department of Program and Property Services monthly board report will consist of evaluating its departments programs. The Department of Program and Property Services is responsible for service delivery, health and wellness, social, recreational, and self-sufficiency of our residents.

The programs listed below are outlined in detail on the following pages:

Program	Award Amount	% Complete
ROSS Service Coordinator	\$682,560	100%
Elderly Services	N/A	N/A
Choice Neighborhood Initiative Trust (CNI)	\$1,605,459	2%
YouthBuild (YB)	\$1,075,749	26%
YouthBuild-USA Mentoring	\$19,500	85%
Citi Foundation	\$50,000	90%
Florida Network of Youth and Family Services (FLNET)	\$191,724	58%
Village Link-Up	\$137,345	43%
Oaks at Riverview Community Center (ORCC)	N/A	N/A
DJJ Afterschool Program	\$61,378	65%
Prodigy	\$45,000	0%
Jobs Plus Initiative (JPI)	\$2,500,000	53%
City of Tampa Housing Counseling	\$61,567.50	52%
Wells Fargo Financial Literacy	\$12,000	11%
Johnson Controls	\$50,000	74%

**RESIDENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY (ROSS)
SERVICE COORDINATORS (SC)
MARCH 2020**

**Location: Robles Park Village, Arbors at Padgett Estates, C. Blythe Andrews,
Seminole, and Moses White**

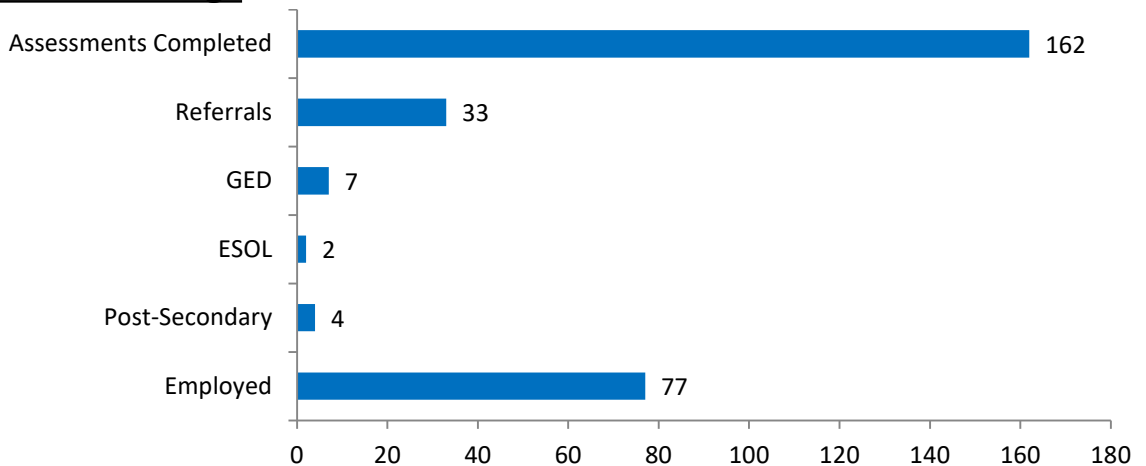
Grant Period: March 24th, 2016 – March 31st, 2020

Grant Amount: \$682,560.00

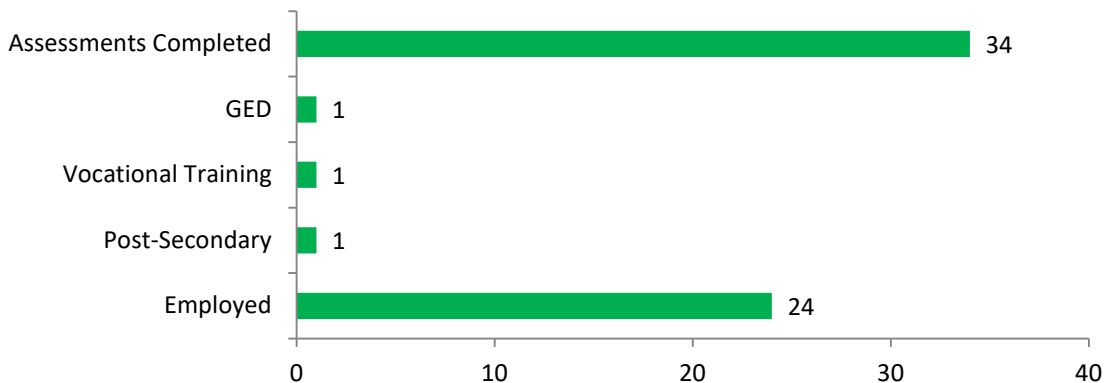
Completion Rate: 100%

This program is designed to assist public housing residents to comply with their lease, to become economically independent and free from welfare assistance. The program embraces the entire family structure by offering supportive services to residents. These services are coordinated through various community agencies to assist residents with educational, financial and emotional stability and help them become self-sufficient. Furthermore, case management services give the residents opportunities to obtain job skills training, vocational training, remedial assistance, and opportunities for entrepreneurship and homeownership.

Robles Park Village

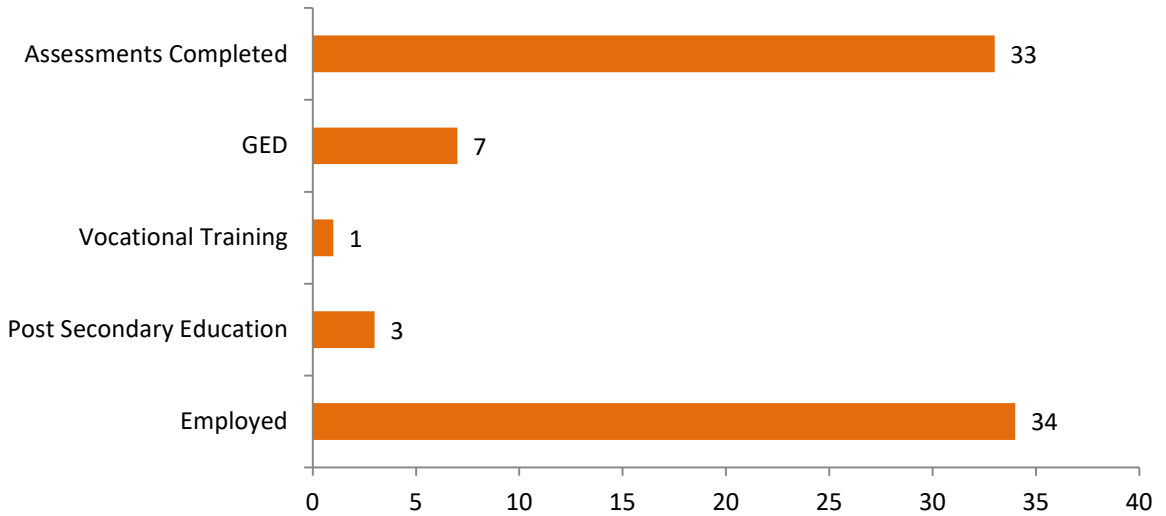


Arbors at Padgett Estates

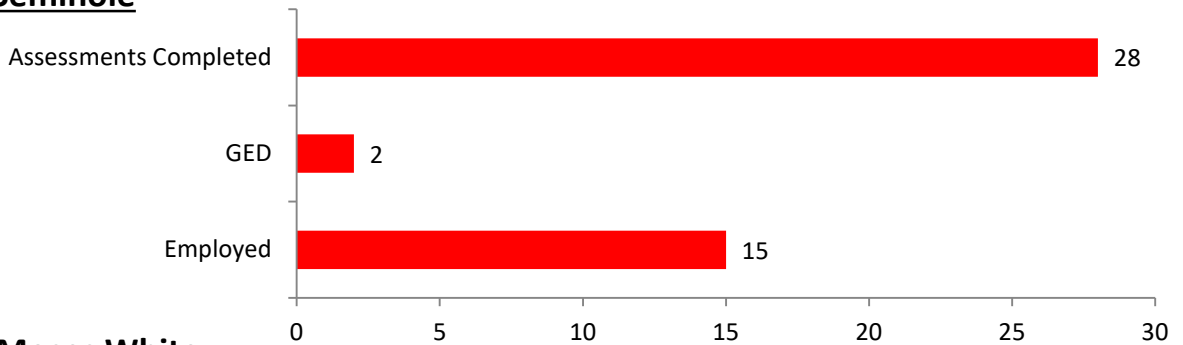


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SERVICE COORDINATORS (SC)
MARCH 2020**

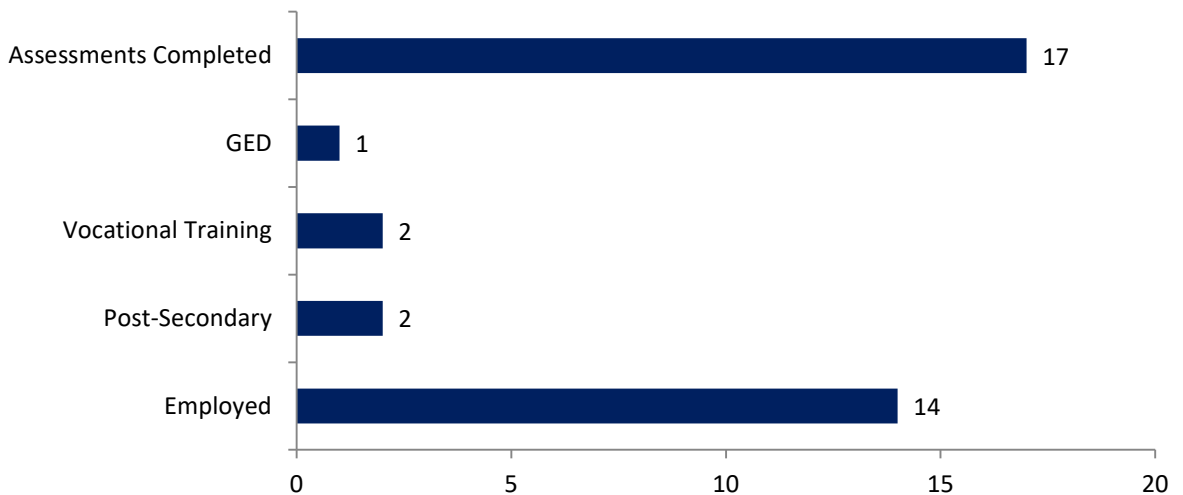
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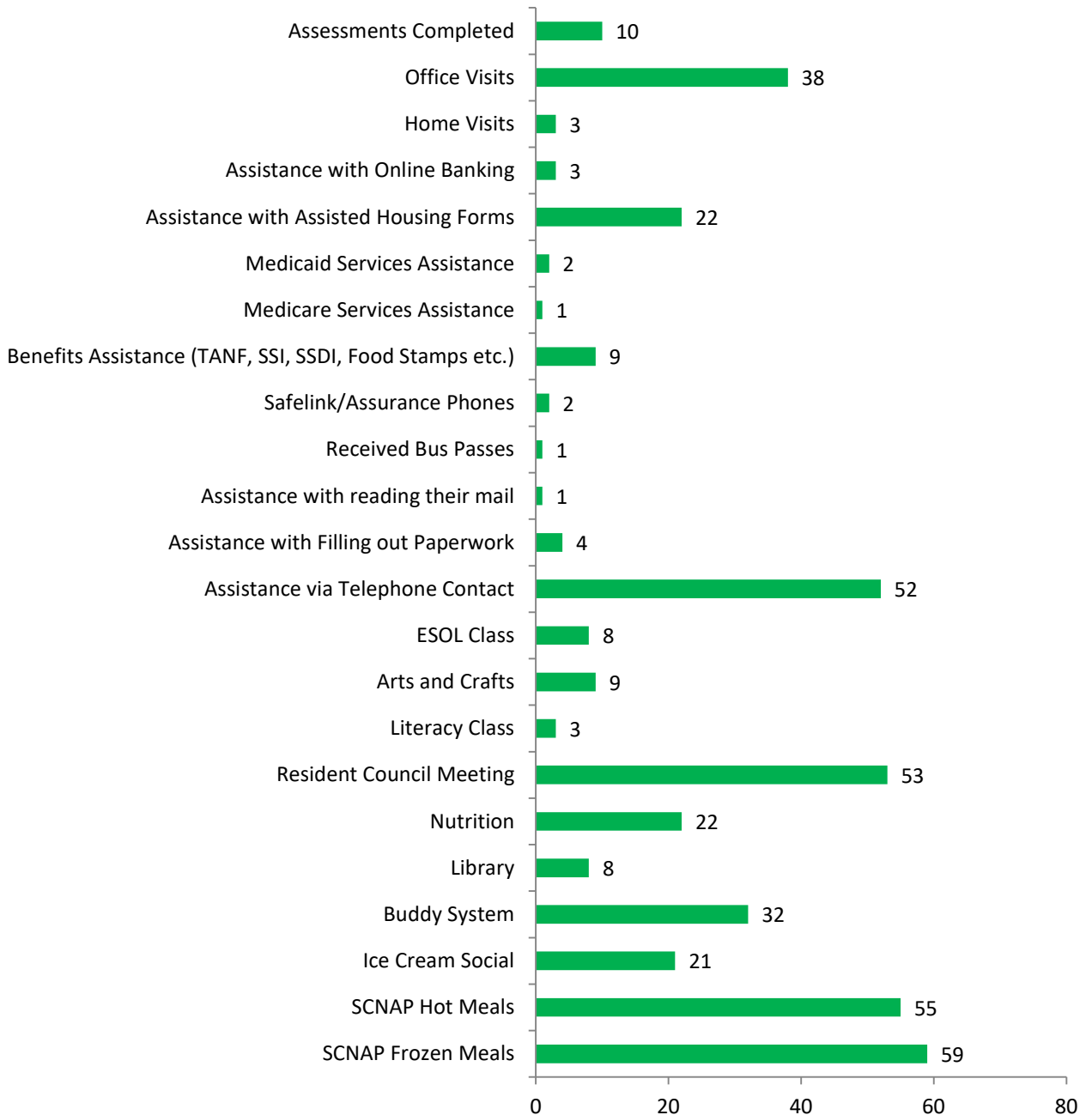
Moses White



ELDERLY SERVICES MARCH 2020

The Elderly Services Program is designed to assist seniors and persons with disabilities with educational, social, recreational, cultural, health, and wellness-related program activities. Elderly Services help the elderly and disabled residents with their daily average living skills. Many residents are on fixed incomes; therefore services and activities are provided throughout the year for the seniors at JL Young.

Monthly Activities and Resident Participation JL Young - 465 Residents



COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (CSS) PROGRAM

MARCH 2020

The Central Park Village Community and Supportive Services (CSS) Program is comprised of three phases, (1) Family Needs Assessments/Development of Case Plans, (2) Referral and Service Delivery, (3) Monitoring and Re-Assessments. Case Managers provide referral and assistance to the former residents who lived at Central Park Village and current ENCORE residents. This case management service offers specific programs that are designed, modified and tailored to fit the resident's individual lifestyle.

Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI)

Participant Enrollment

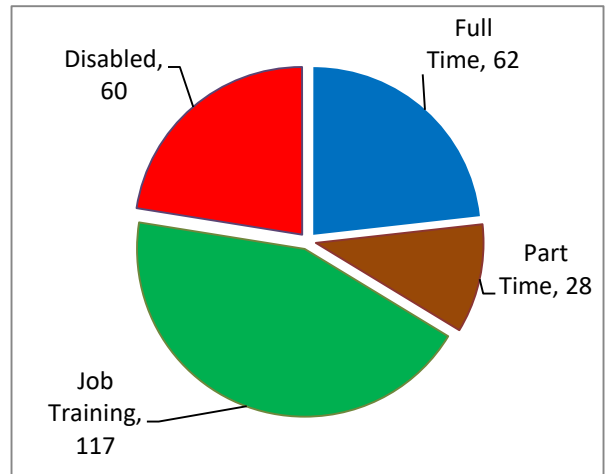
625 Participants Enrolled

170 Active Families

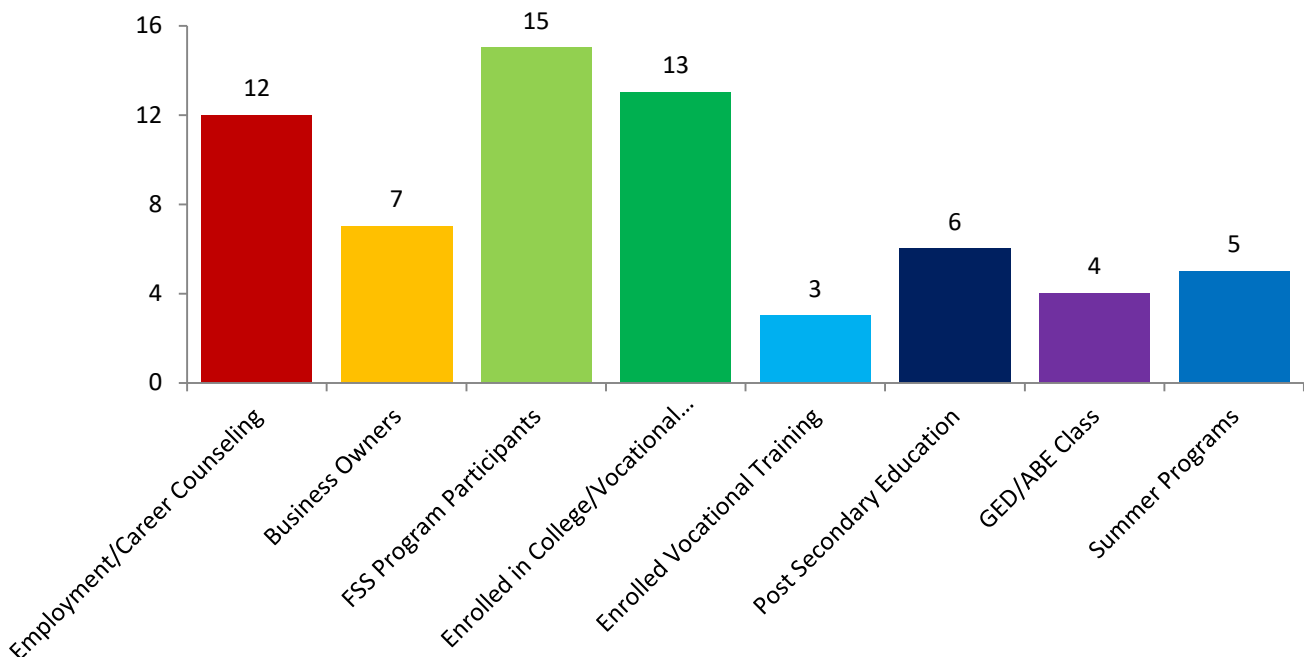
Original Residents who moved back to Encore (30)

Newly Targeted Residents at the Encore (916)

- Ella – 120
- Reed – 204
- Trio – 245
- Tempo – 347



Participant Services

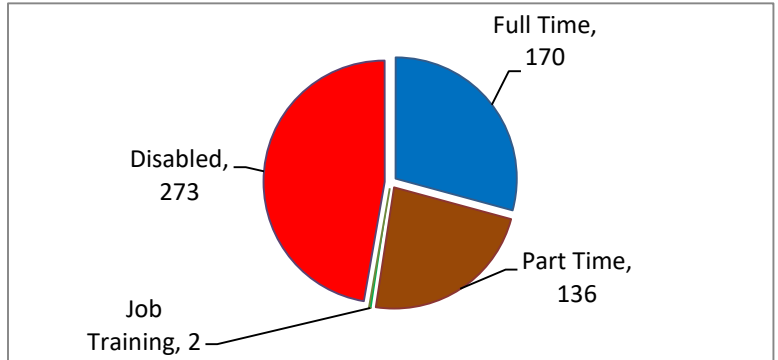


**COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (CSS) PROGRAM
MARCH 2020**

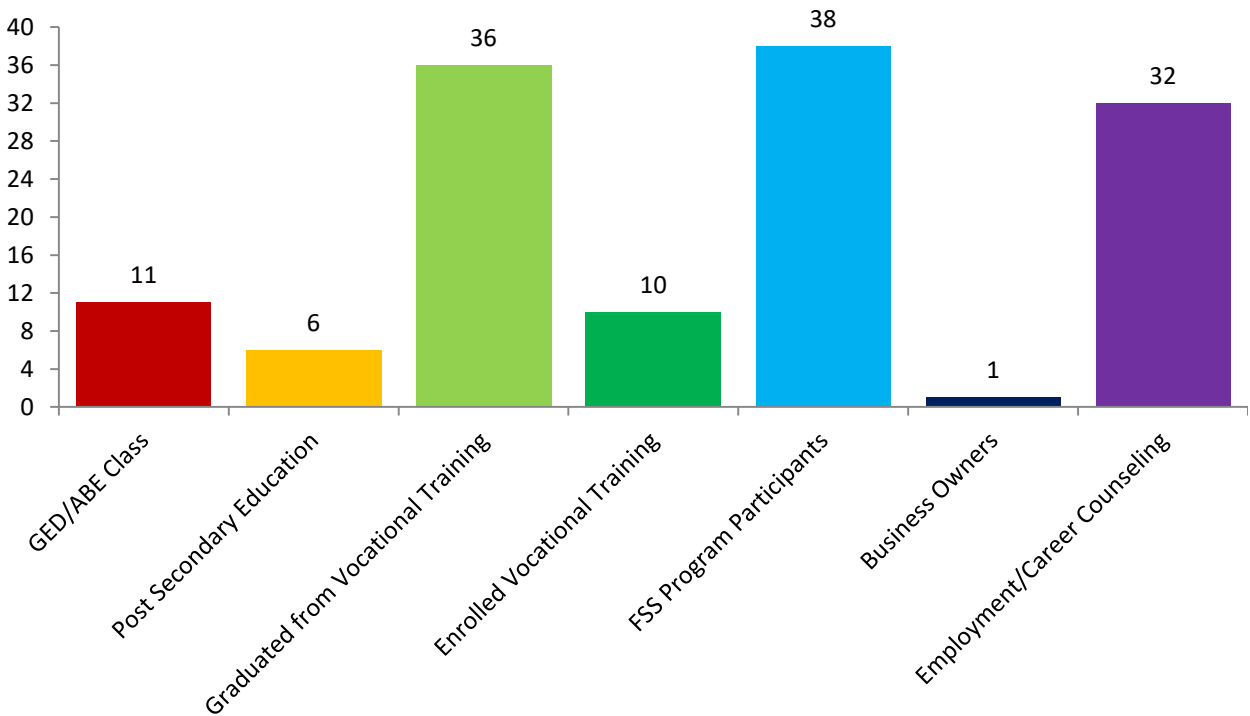
West River Initiative

Participant Enrollment

1647 Participants Enrolled
648 Active Families



Participant Services



III. SCHEDULED EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Individual and Family case management and referral services are still being provided
- Weekly workshops: Assisting residents with registering on CareerSource Tampa Bay for employment.
- Ongoing assistance is provided for afterschool program through the Boys & Girls Club, Robles Park Resource Center and various afterschool programs.
- Ongoing assistance is provided to individuals in need of Employability Skills Training and Resume Development
- Ongoing referrals are provided to families seeking employment, mental health, food, clothing, utility and other supportive services

YOUTHBUILD MARCH 2020

Grant Period: February 1, 2019 – May 31, 2022
Grant Amount: \$1,075,749
Completion Rate: 26%

Program Description:

The THA YouthBuild Program is an initiative with the primary purpose of establishing employable job skills for at-risk and high school drop outs, ages 16-24. The Tampa Housing Authority is partnering with YouthBuild USA, which will assist in the administration of the Construction training of THA participants. The YouthBuild USA program is comprised of five (5) components: Leadership, Education, Case Management, Construction Training, and Career Development.

Goals	Program Goals	Cohort 1 Actuals	Cohort 2 Actuals	Current Cohort	Monthly Totals	% Total or number
Enrollees	100% 60 Students	16	17	17	1	
GED/H.S Attainments	75%	2	1			
Literacy and Numeracy Gains	65%	6 Students	5	7	2	
Attainment of Degree/Certification	85%	NCCER – 12, NCA – 4, Phlebotomy - 1	CAN		0	
Placements Employment/ Secondary Education	74%	10	6		1	
Additional Certifications:		OSHA 12 Forklift 5			0	

Monthly Highlights:

- YB Student T. Rice passed the Science portion of the GED Test
- D. Wilson earned employment with Burger King.
- Students continued to attend workshops; DACCO, FLNET and Stanley LLC: Leadership and Life Skills
- YB Staff assisted Student D. Wilson get into a bed at Bridge Emergency Housing.
- YB Students completed CSET (Customer Service) Module 2
- Mentoring Coordinator has begun Recruitment of Mentors and creating the Mentorship Training for Mentees and Mentors
- THA YB Students continued the construction of the new bathroom at YouthBuild as well as floor preparation and refinishing.
- Due to the Corona Virus THA YB has transitioned to online NCCER Classes as well as GED/Tutoring online.

Upcoming Events:

- Online NCCER Training and GED/Tutoring Classes
- Set up Career Pathways Tour in place of the College tour and it may even be a virtual Tour
- Set AmeriCorps projects

Grant Period: July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2020

Grant Amount: \$191,724

Completion Rate: 58%

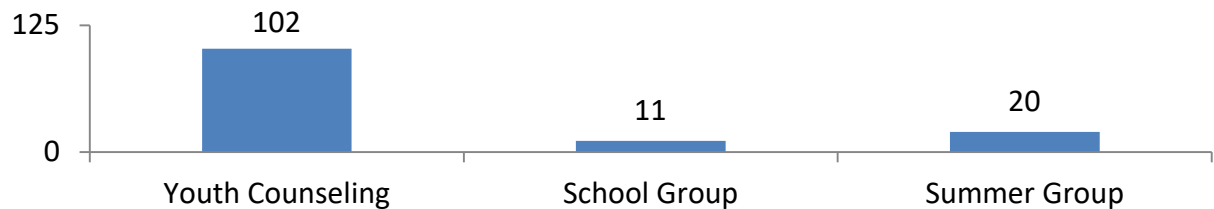
The purpose of the program is to offer Mental Health services to public housing residents and surrounding communities in Hillsborough County. The program will target youth that are most at-risk of becoming delinquent. Services are offered to eligible youth and families who possess multiple risk factors and reside in the high-risk zip codes as determined by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Through clinical case management, group counseling, school and home visits, outreach, screenings and assessments, troubled youth and their families will be engaged in ongoing services to prevent delinquency, truancy and broken homes. Currently, there are eight (8) staff (Program Manager, Case Manager, Data Specialist, and five interns).

Service Goal:

- One hundred fifty-six (**156**) youth and their families by June 30, 2020

Accomplishments:

- One hundred thirty-three (133) active cases in 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.



Monthly Highlights:

- March 5th – March 6th – Youth Programs Manager (peer reviewer) at Safe Children’s Coalition
- March 10th – Case Staffing Committee – Hillsborough County Children’s Services
- March 11th – Treatment Team Meeting
- March 13th, 20th, and 27th - Florida Network COVID -19 Conference Call
- EnVision Center Follow-Up Meeting
- March 10th, 27th, 31st – Managers' Meeting
- March 30 – Remote Work from Home begins
- March 30 - FLNET & VLU Meeting (every Monday afternoon)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 15th - April 17th - University students end internship
- April 30th – Robles Park Village Spring Cleaning – 10am – 2pm – (Vendor)
- Interviews begin for summer interns

Location: Robles Park VillageGrant Period: October 1st, 2019 – September 30th, 2020

Grant Amount: \$137,345

Completion Rate: 43%

Village Link-Up is a case management program funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County awarded on October 1, 2018. There are two case managers who will each have a caseload of 25 families, providing services to at least 25 individual parent / caregivers and at least 25 elementary age children. These case managers will coordinate services, ensure that families are enrolled in appropriate services, cajole families to participate fully, provide on-the-spot counseling and crisis intervention, as well as provide some direct service, etc. The staff will coordinate program activities and partners, facilitate workshops and events, and ensure the recording of program data and provide extra support for our clients.

Empowerment Evaluation Matrix/Work Plan Outcomes

- Enroll at least 50 Families
- At least **80%** of a minimum of 50 families have improved family wellbeing
- At least **85%** of a minimum of 50 families have increased social supports
- At least **85%** of a minimum of 50 families have increased concrete supports
- At least **85%** of a minimum of 50 parents /caregivers are involved with their child's development, education and/or school

Monthly Highlights:

- March 5th – 21st – Staff participation in “Project You” biweekly coaching sessions – facilitated by Free4Ever International, Inc.
- March 11th – “How to Listen so Kids Will Talk” (con’t) - Parent Workshop – facilitated by Free4Ever International, Inc.
- March 30th – Remote Work from Home began
- March 30th – FLNET & VLU Meeting (every Monday)
- March 31st – Managers' Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- April 3rd – Assist with RPV Easter Basket Distribution
- April 29th – Children's Board Data Integrity & Q2 Site Visit
- April 30th – Robles Park Village Spring Cleaning – 10am -2pm
- Planning virtual parent workshops
- Resume “Project You” coaching sessions virtually – facilitated by Free4Ever International, Inc.

OAKS AT RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER MARCH 2020

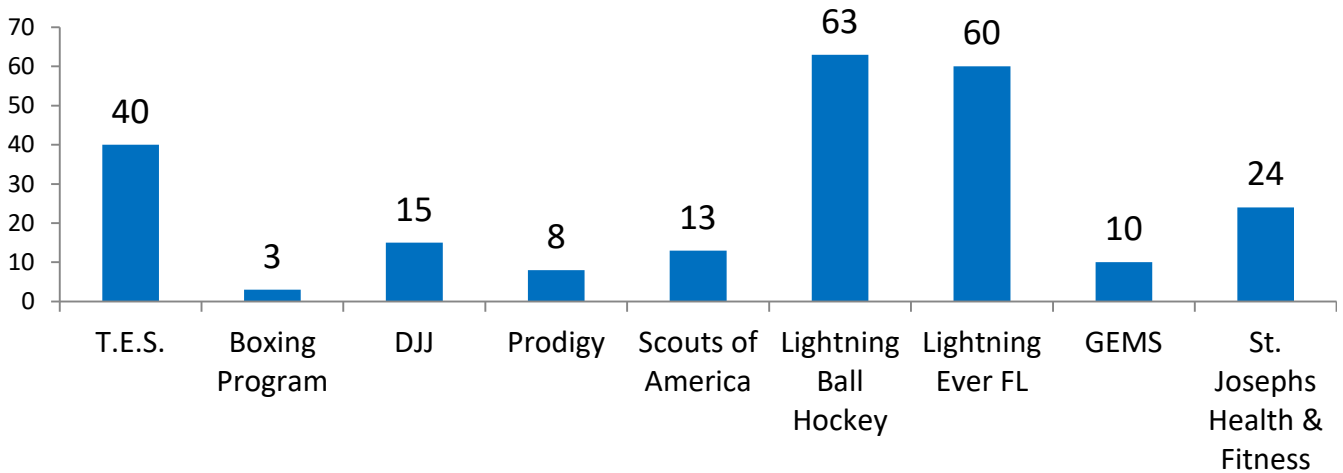
The Oaks at Riverview Community Center (ORCC) provides services relating youth development that includes: tutorial services, artistic expressions, recreational and academic games, computer learning, supportive services, cultural arts, multi-purpose (events, lunch/snack, and presentations), a sound proof media room for movie viewing, gallery, and a patio for outdoor activities. Adjacent to the ORCC is a City of Tampa playground that offers playtime activities that includes an outdoor basketball court, an open field for other activities such as flag football, dodge ball, kickball, and soccer.

All Programing has been canceled as of March 16th due to the Corvid-19 Pandemic.

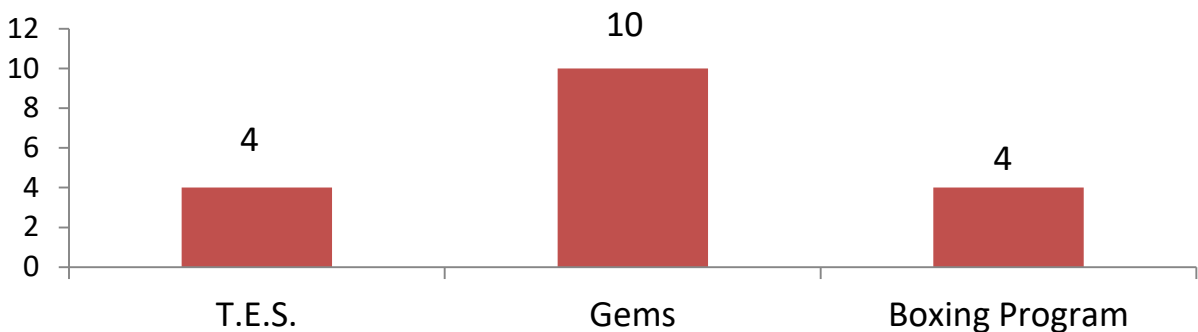
Oaks at Riverview Community Center Participation – Total Attendance – 189

Average Daily Participation - 77 (63 Elementary, 14 Middle/High School)

Elementary Afterschool Programs - 236



Middle/High School Programs - 18



Summer/After School Services Program MARCH 2020

Location: Oaks at Riverview Community Center

Grant Period: August 31st, 2017 – July 31st, 2020

Grant Amount: \$61,378

Completion Rate: 65%

The ORCC/ DJJ program is funded by Department of Juvenile Justice as of August 31st. This prevention program is for students between the ages of five (5) to seventeen (17) years old who have been identified as Potential at-risk youth. The purpose of the program is to prevent delinquency; divert children from the traditional juvenile justice system. The goal of the program is to take these youths that pose no real threat to public safety away from the juvenile system through programming that will support a safe environment and provide youth and their families' positive alternative for delinquent behavior.

Programming Location: Oaks at Riverview Community Center (ORCC)

Staff: ORCC DJJ Youth Counselor, ORCC/DJJ Youth and Family Service Intern, Florida Sheriff's Youth Instructor (One Week), More Health Safety Instructor (3 workshops per year)

Month	Total Number of Students Enrolled
April	15
May	15
June	15
July	15
August	15
September	15
October	15
November	15
December	15
January	15
February	15
March	15



MARCH 2020

Location: Oaks at Riverview Community Center
 Grant Period: October 1st, 2019 – September 30th, 2020
 Grant Amount: \$45,000
 Completion Rate: 0%

The THA Prodigy Cultural Arts program is funded by Hillsborough County as of October 1st and is the product of the University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc. (UACDC), a non-profit advocate. This prevention program is for students between the ages of six (6) to nineteen (19) years old to improve the lives of at-risk youth by exploring the extent to which community based organizations can engage youth successfully in artistic endeavors through art instruction. The purpose of the program is to improve the quality of life, promote community involvement, and the school performance of program participants. The participants are registered with an application, a pre/post survey, and an Individualized Goal Plan Sheet.

Staff: Site Manager, Program Assistant, Instructor Assistant, Visual Arts Instructor, Music Production Instructor, and ORCC Staff

Classes Offered – (Provided for 6 weeks):

- **Arts & Crafts Class - Peter Pachoumis** start date is February 4th - grade levels include Elementary School (**Mondays for 1 ½ hours –2:00pm – 4:30pm**)
- **Dance Class - Carrie Harmon** start date is January 22nd – grade levels include Elementary School (**Tuesdays & Thursdays for 1 ½ hours –3:00pm – 4:30pm**)

Month	Number of Students Enrolled during Month
March	8
Total	10



The Greater Tampa Bay Area Council provides staff and program assistance for weekly meetings at the 5 locations for all interested boys. We plan one off-site day trip per month in which the registered youth for any of the developments may participate. During the summer, we give the youth the opportunity for a week of Day Camp for Cub Scouts (elementary aged youth) and a week of overnight Summer Camp for Boy Scouts (middle and high school youth).

Weekly Participation

Location	Registered	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24
Robles Park	73	21	20	-	-
Oaks at Riverview	20	12	13	-	-
Belmont Phase	27	-	7	-	-
Moses White/Seminole	10	4	5	-	-
C. Blythe Andrews	15	3	6	-	-

Each group meets weekly at their respective location.

Highlights:

The Scouts completed their pinewood derby cars. Unfortunately, the pinewood derby and day camp planned for March 19-20 were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Looking Forward:

- We are holding weekly virtual meetings for Scouts BSA.
- We are contacting each Scouting family across the properties each week. We are checking the following:
 - How are they doing?
 - Do they have the current information from the School system for meals?
- We are emailing home-based cub activities to our younger scouting families.
- We have the completed Pinewood Derby Cars and will reschedule the race.

JOBS PLUS INITIATIVE MARCH 2020

Location: Robles Park Village

Grant Period: April 1st, 2017 – March 31st, 2021

Grant Amount: \$2,500,000

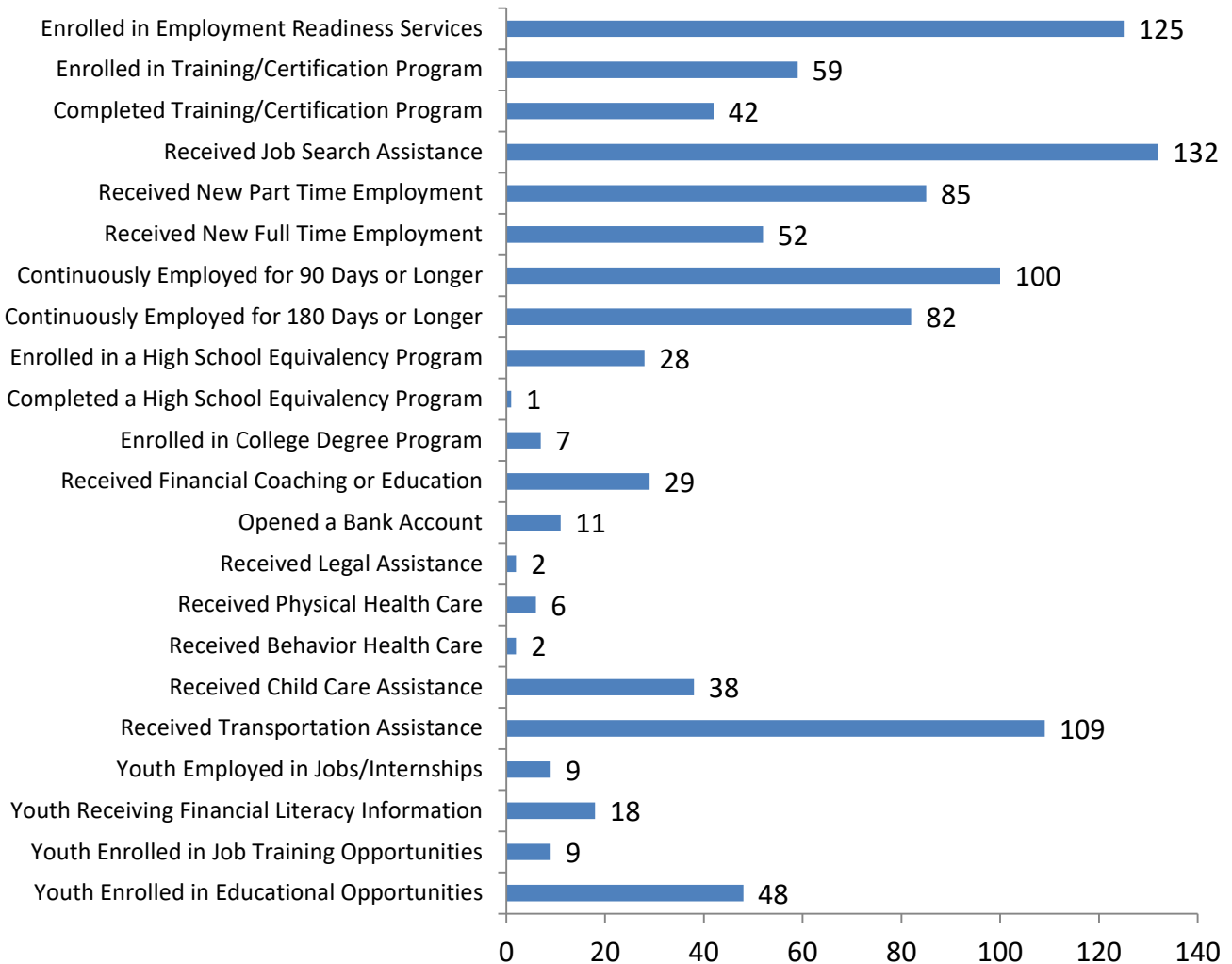
Completion Rate: 53%

The Jobs Plus program is a 4-year grant provided by HUD to support job development, training, employment, supportive services, income incentives and community support for residents of the Robles Park Village development.

Participant Enrollment

- 289 Adult Participants enrolled since the beginning of the Program (385 Work-able Residents on the Property)
- 78 14-17-year-old Youths are participating in the JPI Program (61 youth on the Property)

Participant Services



JOB DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM (JDPP) MARCH 2020

The Job Development and Placement Program (JDPP) will provide direct services by partnering with a variety of community-based agencies, schools, and other non-profit organizations to provide employment training, education services, and job placement services to residents.

Total Number of Residents Serviced: **1,378** with **323** receiving employment since the start of the program.

Monthly Highlights:

- Walgreens Hiring Event was scheduled for 3/17/2020; was postponed due to COVID-19; Upcoming Date - TBD.
- Completed (6) Section 3 Application with YouthBuild Students, Submitted forms to Yasmine Dilbert, Real Estate Development
- Met with T-Mobile; vendor is opening a New Call Center Location to NetPark, Regional Recruiter is excited to hire THA Residents starting \$17-18/hour
- **Job Opportunities** sent via email March 2020: GFS, Amazon, 7/11, CVS, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Domino's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Papa John's Pizza, Insta Cart, Grub Hub, Door Dash, HSN, The Construction Industry, Walmart, SAM's, Brookdale ALF, and Winn Dixie.

Upcoming Events:

- Meet with JPI Manager to determine an approach that will be the most effective during COVID-19 "Safer at Home"
- Provide virtual coaching on Wednesday to YouthBuild students during "Safer at Home"



Johnson Control's Foundation
Sustainability Ambassadors Grant Program
Grant Period: January 31st, 2017 – December 31st, 2020
Grant Amount: \$50,000
Completion Rate: 74%
March 2020

Tampa Housing Authority (THA) was awarded \$50,000 grant for three (3) years by Johnson Controls to support the Sustainability Ambassadors Program. The program is a resident driven initiative to provide training and education on water and energy saving practices. Each year, train the trainer energy patrol workshop is facilitated by National Energy Foundation. After the workshop, the ambassadors engage their fellow residents through workshops, one-on-one consumption audits, field trips, and linkages to job training opportunities. The Sustainability Ambassador Coach facilitates resident training, education and recruitment of sustainability ambassadors.

- Program Goals:
 - Identify properties each year to target for resident training and education on energy saving measures
 - Recruit resident volunteers each year
 - Reduce energy and water consumption on our target properties
 - Facilitate resident training/workshops and job placement in the fields of energy, water, and conservation

- Ongoing recruitment of residents to become volunteers for the Sustainability Ambassadors Program

- The Sustainability Ambassadors Program shifted focus to Robles Park Village. Weekly Ambassadors' meetings, audits, and energy/water conservation workshops were cancelled due to the development of the coronavirus pandemic. The program gained an additional Ambassador from Scruggs Manor in the month of March.



Geraldine Barnes Award Winner: Matira Anderson

Personal Development

Matira Anderson enrolled in the FSS program in February 2017 and at that time, was working part-time. Her goals were established to obtain a degree related to the human services field and to be employed full time.

Ms. Anderson started working at Bristol at Tampa Rehab & Nursing Center November 2018 while still attending full time at Iowa Central College January 2020, Matira received her Associates Degree in Human Services and has set a goal to also obtain her Bachelor's.

Ms. Anderson was recently promoted to Social Worker at her current job! Matira successfully managed to work full time, complete her degree, and raise her children ages, 5, 8, 10 and 14.

Ms. Anderson's motivation to succeed in life and set a good example for her children is beyond commendable. Her next goal is to purchase her own home and is well on her way.

Hair Braiding Certification Robles Park Village



“The Power of Me: Creating SMART Goals” Workshop



YouthBuild: HCSO Spring Homeless Outreach



Memorandum



TO: Board of Commissioners
FM: Susi Begazo-McGourty, SVP / CFO
CC: Jerome D. Ryans, President / CEO
DATE: April 8, 2020
RE: Financial Reporting for the Month of March 2020

April Financial Board Report

April 15, 2020

The Tampa Housing Authority Fiscal Year Ends on March 31, 2020. As customary at our Fiscal Year end, the Finance and Accounting Department will not present an April Financial Package.

The team will be preparing the Year-end Accounting adjustment necessary to compile the Financial Data Schedule (FDS). This document is due to HUD by May 30th.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY of the CITY OF TAMPA
BOARD REPORT SUMMARY
March 2020**

Department of Asset Management

Lorenzo Bryant, Director of Asset Management

Tampa Housing Authority RAD Project Based Properties

During the month of March 2020, The Asset Management Department is in the process of finalizing fiscal year 2020-2021 budgets for all RAD properties. In conjunction with Program and Property Services will continue the process of implementing a comprehensive outreach program to increase the resident's participation on programs and services throughout the RAD properties. The purpose is to educate THA property managers to all available services that will empower them to explain the benefits of resident participation and how it can aid in their movement toward self-sufficiency. The THA has expanded its footprint in the West River area by purchasing a home located at 1520 W. Spruce Street, Tampa. Asset Management facilitated conversation with respect to the possibility of purchasing 1518 W. Spruce Street as well.

The Asset Management Department has implemented new customer service, and quality control initiatives to monitor and track the residents experience, and to ensure that operations at all RAD sites are consistent. The implementation of a new marketing initiative will be facilitated throughout all RAD properties plus Cedar Point. The purpose of the marketing strategy is to give new rental prospects an enhanced experience as to the community, amenities and all the surrounding neighborhood has to offer.

The quality control will be ongoing and will aid THA and the Asset Management Department in ensuring that residents at all RAD sites have a collective voice and are part of our overall mission to provide the best resident experience possible. The Asset Management Department will be focused on delivering outstanding customer service ensuring all residents obtain the best living experience possible.

Encore Properties fiscal year 2020-2021

Reed:

Will schedule to have exterior painting done during the first few months of fiscal year 2020-2021. The Asset Management Department has reached leasing terms with The Urban League of Tampa for a 600 sq. ft Retail space located at the Reed.

Ella:

Painted at Ella has been completed during fiscal year 2020-2021.

Trio:

Will schedule to have exterior painting done during the first few months of fiscal year 2020-2021. The Trio has been scheduled for 100 % unit and building inspections.

Tempo:

New dishwashers are being installed at the Tempo. The purpose of new dishwashers is to provide 95% Energy Efficiency. This project should be completed by the end of March 2020.

River Place

New washers and dryers have been installed in laundry room.
Maintenance is currently painting all balconies as time allows.

River Pines

Full upgrade and renovation on 134 apartment units are at 44% completion. In the next few months the entire complex should be complete.
All structural repairs and painting on all handrails and stairways have been completed.
New upgraded LED lighting and ceiling fans have been installed in the onsite laundry facility.

Meridian River

Repairs to the Fascia, Soffit and Gutters on 3 buildings have been completed,
all stairways and railing renovations on buildings previously scheduled have been completed.
All siding renovations have been completed for 2019.
Safety fence around sewer lift station was installed and completed.

Gardens at South Bay

All stairways in all buildings scheduled for renovation have been completed
All window and wall leak scheduled for repairs have been completed
Building exterior painting has started and scheduled for completion by the end of February.

Palm Terrace Assisted Living Facility

Angels Management Company took over Palm Terrace ALF effective December 1, 2019.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY of the CITY OF TAMPA
BOARD REPORT SUMMARY
March 2020**

**Department of Assisted Housing
Margaret Jones, Director**

In light of the safer at home order, all employees were offered the opportunity to work from home as all are deemed essential. Employees were approved by leadership to take their computers home to continue to perform functions such as interims, recerts and moves. Forms were converted to fillable documents so that participants and applicants would have the ability to complete online and submit without having to print or mail. The agency continues to have a drop box in the front of the building for those families that would rather bring their information to the agency. Two customer service staff who have volunteered to come to the office twice a week to scan in mail, and send out letters. Thank you to IT for working with the department to get us access to all necessary systems, folders, and communication tools in order to allow us to work from home. The department will be moving forward and ordering laptops for all specialists so that the process from working from home may be simpler.

Notice of Funding was released April 1st, 2020 which allotted the agency an amount of \$89,247,444 which is at 99% pro-rata

HOPWA grant has been released and will be reviewed and submitted upon completion.

Preparing to release an RFP in May 2020 with the goal of project basing HUDVASH vouchers. After many meetings with the VA, it has been determined that due to the barriers in leasing, project basing vouchers may be the best approach.

Initiating an owner/manager working group to discuss process improvements as well as outreach to outlier areas in Hillsborough County. Working towards changing the “face” and negative stigma of the HCV program. This will start after the safer at home order is lifted.

Ardexo continues to purge the waitlist and so far over 5,895 letters have gone out to applicants. We have currently received 3,679 responses and are receiving roughly 160 new update responses each day.

The agency will be moving forward with Yard’s Rent Café. This Yardi module will allow the agency to conduct business the through tenant and landlord portals. The most exciting feature will be the ability to conduct re-certifications online. THA has also arranged for a quarterly phone call with other housing agencies that utilize Yardi to get feedback on their experiences.

Current baseline is now at 10,312 with approximately 78 employees.

FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM/HOMEOWNERSHIP

Participants	336
Workshops	9
Escrows	8
Graduates	1
Homeownership	0
Escrow	57%
Escrow Payment	

SPECIAL GRANT PROGRAMS

The department also operates two grant funded programs: **HOPWA** (Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS) and **Permanent Supportive Housing**. The HOPWA program is a rental assistance program for persons with AIDS with a supportive service aspect. The Tampa Housing Authority was awarded \$575,347 through the City to operate the HOPWA program for fiscal year 2017. This grant will afford about 75 families rental assistance throughout Hillsborough County. This will be a three-year grant instead of one year as previously awarded. New funding award has been released in the amount of \$700,000 effective October 1st, 2019.

Permanent Supportive Housing grants were successfully submitted 08/2018 to HUD through the Continuum of Care which provides rental assistance for 54 homeless disabled individuals and families. Grant was awarded to the agency for \$483,029.

PROGRAMS FUNDED UNDER THE HCV PROGRAM

FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM

The Family Unification Program (FUP) is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) are provided to two different populations:

Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in:

- a. The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, or
- b. The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.

The baseline for the FUP program is 485 vouchers.

HUD-VASH

The HUDVASH program is administered to assist 783 homeless veterans. This program began July 1, 2008 with 105 vouchers and was increased by 35 vouchers October 1, 2009. June 1, 2010 THA was awarded an additional 150 VASH vouchers. August 1, 2011 the agency was awarded an additional 75 vouchers. THA was awarded another 75 effective April 1, 2012. THA received another award of 205 HUD-VASH Vouchers effective August 1, 2013. Another increment of 22 vouchers was received October 1, 2014 and another 12 December 2014. We have partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs which is responsible to refer families to the agency. THA then proceeds with the necessary steps to determine eligibility. THA received an additional 45 HUDVASH vouchers effective May 1, 2015. THA was approved for an additional HUDVASH project based vouchers November 1, 2015. THA received an additional 39 vouchers effective June 2016. November 1st, 2016 an additional 20 were added to the Project Based HUDVASH voucher inventory.

NED

250 designated housing vouchers enable non-elderly disabled families, who would have been eligible for a public housing unit if occupancy of the unit or entire project had not been restricted to elderly families only through an approved Designated Housing Plan, to receive rental assistance. These vouchers may also assist non-elderly disabled families living in a designated unit/project/building to move from that project if they so choose. The family does not have to be listed on the PHA's voucher waiting list. Instead they may be admitted to the program as a special admission. Once the impacted families have been served, the PHA may begin issuing these vouchers to non-elderly disabled families from their HCV waiting list. Upon turnover, these vouchers must be issued to non-elderly disabled families from the PHA's HCV waiting list.

SECTION 811 MAINSTREAM VOUCHERS

55 Mainstream vouchers were awarded November 2018. These vouchers are specific to those families that are non-elderly disabled, homeless, at risk of homelessness, at risk of becoming institutionalized, or leaving an institution. Mainstream is now 99 percent leased. 77 were awarded for February 2020.

PORTABILITY

The agency currently administers 143 families from other agencies. This program allows other families to move to our jurisdiction and the initial housing agency pays for their expenses while also providing us with a fee for administering the paperwork.

LEASING AND FUNDING

The current attrition rate for VASH is 14 families a month
 The current attrition rate for RAD is 18 families a month
 The current attrition rate for VREG is 47 families a month
 Average HAP is \$734

PROGRAM	BUDGETED UNITS	LEASED UNITS	UTILIZATION RATE	
LEASED PROGRAMS	8,634	8,476	98% Monthly	
RAD	1,601	1,422	89% Monthly	
	AUTHORIZED ACC	UTILIZED ACC	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
	\$7,548,144	\$7,258,453	96%	97%

SEMAP REVIEW

	Possible Points	FY2019-2020 Feb
<i>Indicator 1: Selection from the Waiting List</i>	15	15
<i>Indicator 2: Rent Reasonableness</i>	20	20
<i>Indicator 3: Determination of Adjusted Income</i>	20	15
<i>Indicator 4: Utility Allowance Schedule</i>	5	5
<i>Indicator 5: HQS Quality Control Inspections</i>	5	5
<i>Indicator 6: HQS Enforcement</i>	10	10
<i>Indicator 7: Expanding Housing Opportunities</i>	5	5
<i>BONUS Indicator: De-concentration</i>	0	0
<i>Indicator 8: Payment Standards</i>	5	5
<i>Indicator 9: Annual Reexaminations</i>	10	10
<i>Indicator 10: Correct Tenant Rent Calculations</i>	5	0
<i>Indicator 11: Pre-Contract HQS Inspections</i>	5	5
<i>Indicator 12: Annual HQS Inspections</i>	10	0
<i>Indicator 13: Lease-Up</i>	20	20
<i>Indicator 14: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)</i>	10	10
TOTALS	145 = 100%	125 = 86%

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Department of Public Safety
Bill Jackson, Director

Public Safety Department Updates

Please everyone adhere to the Covid-19 six (6) personal protection rules:

1. Experts view hand washing as the single most important way to stop the transmission of disease from one person to another. While hand soaps may not kill all viruses and bacteria, thorough and frequent hand washing will decrease micro-organisms, preventing the spread of many infection.
2. Keeping hands and surfaces, like doorknobs, desk and phones, clean are great ways to prevent the transmission of viruses either at home or at work.
3. Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth as these are typical entry points for viruses and bacteria.
4. Social distancing 6'-8': Avoid crowding in public places, self-isolation if sick, no shaking of hands – use alternatives.
5. When sneezing, or coughing use the crook of your arm (elbow) to cover your mouth. Never use your hands.
6. Consider limiting your exposure to any individuals who are sick, as they could be contagious.

Human coronaviruses cause infections of the nose, throat and lungs. They are most commonly spread from an infected person through:

1. Respiratory droplets generated when you cough or sneeze;
2. Close, prolonged personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
3. Touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands.

My team and I continue to provide security at 5301 West Cypress during the Stay at Home orders due to essential personnel still needing access to the office. I continue to provide safety patrols throughout our properties and supervise my essential staff that are still working from home, or at the main office providing vital services to our THA team. One of my Officers, Teddy Jacob has volunteered to provide car patrol security at our Moses White, Seminole and Cedar Pointe property during the evening due to an increase in juvenile delinquency.

Due to poor performance and failure to comply with their security contract I had to terminate Job 1 security as of March 1, 2020. Our Contracting and Procurement Department has put out a Request for Proposal for a new security contractor to be hired. During the interim, I have brought on Bangor Security as a temporary replacement, until such time the RFP process selects a new security contractor. Bangor is currently providing unarmed security at Robles Park, JL Young and the Annex. To date, from what I have observed out in the field, from reading their reports and getting feedback from the Robles Park Resident Council, JL Young Resident Council and both property managers, Bangor is doing a great job.

We continue to have off duty TPD officers and just this week they were able to take down one of the major drug dealers that was coming onto the property selling his wares. We also open a sub-station on the corner of Nordica and Lake Street, which is keeping unauthorized people from gathering around on Lake and Central where we were having a lot of illegal activity taking place.

POLICE REPORT REQUEST

The Public Safety Department receives court orders from various agencies and departments requesting we conduct a diligent search of our data bases in an attempt to try and locate parents and/or guardians, or obtain police reports from various jurisdictions as a follow up to cases they are currently investigating.

FRAUD HOT LINE

Our Human Resource Department and the Public Safety Department work hand-in-hand to reduce program fraud by operating the "Fraud Hotline," conducting follow up investigations, making referrals for criminal prosecution and restitution.

PARKING POLICY ENFORCEMENT

The Public Safety Departments continues to work with THA Property Management to reduce the unauthorized and junk vehicles parked in our communities. Vehicles that do not have a THA parking sticker are subject to be towed at the expense of the owner. Vehicles are also removed from the properties that are inoperable, have no valid registration, and are parked on the grass or other illegal parking.

TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

The Tampa Police Department and The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office continue to work very closely with the Tampa Housing Authority. Both departments continue to have officers assigned to our properties and they work very hard to combat crime in our communities. Officers that have been assigned to our properties conduct their own investigation and make arrests. The Public Safety Department has also been meeting with residents to help form Crime Watch Communities in an effort to help combat crime in our communities.

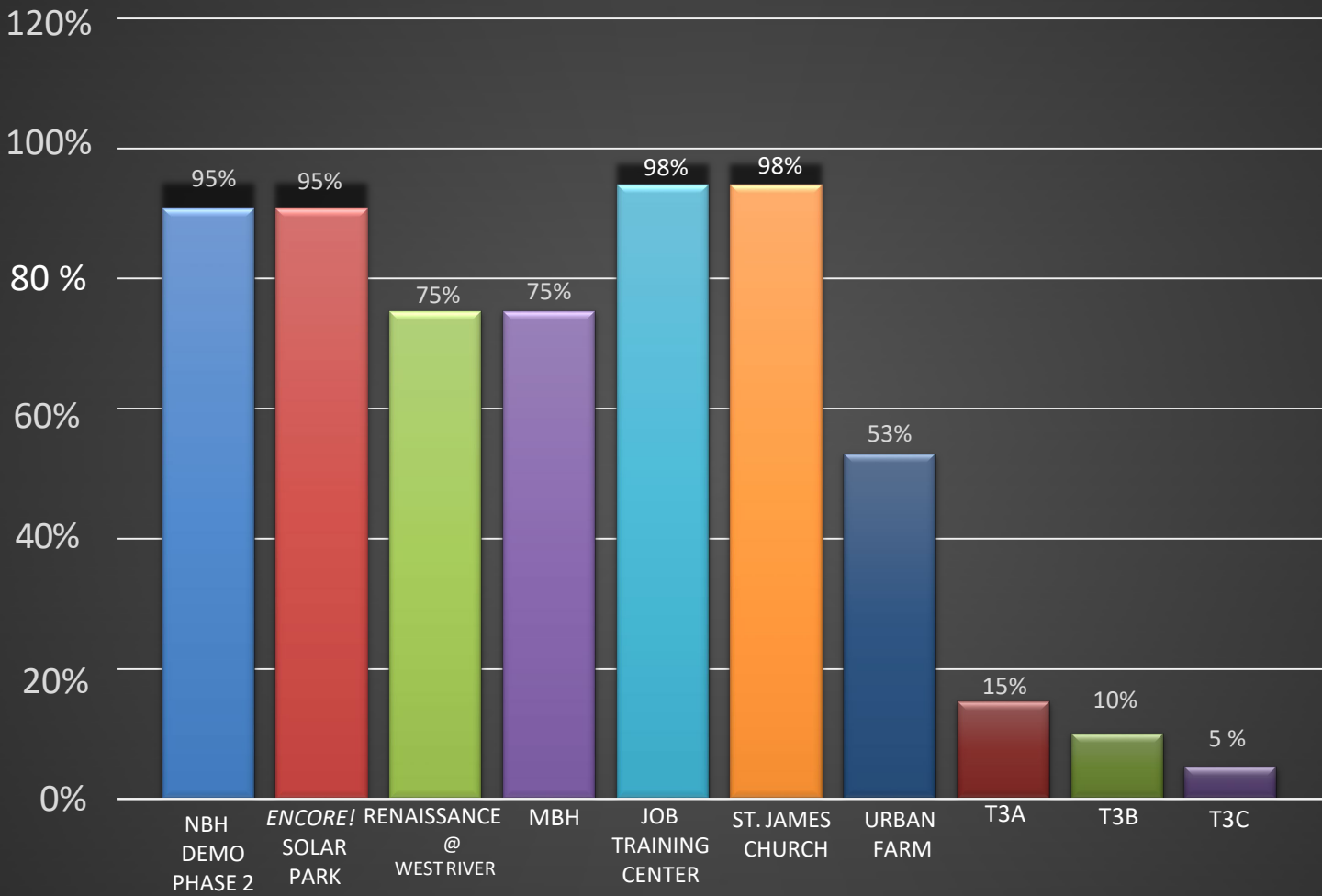
The Tampa Police Department ROC officers working all of our public housing communities continue to arrest individuals using and selling illegal narcotics. Persons arrested on public housing properties for drugs are also trespassed at that time. Arrests of individuals both in and around all public housing properties are reported to the Public Safety Department. Residents, residents' family members and residents' guests arrested on public housing properties are subject to eviction.

POLICE REPORT REQUEST				
NAME	DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	POLICE REPORT #	REQUESTING
Confidential	3/04/2020	3/06/2020	17-483019	Public Safety
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Confidential	3/30/2020	3/30/2020	20-125488	Public Safety

TAG & TOW							
PROPERTY	MAKE	YEARS	COLOR	TAG#	REASON/AREA	TAGGED DATE	TOW
Jl Young	Honda Od.		White	CRUP39	No Permit	N/A	3/03/2020
Arbors	Saturn Vve		Black	940 9JR	Expired Tag	N/A	3/11/2020
Arbors	Toyota Cor.	96	Black	N/A	No Tag	N/A	3/12/2020

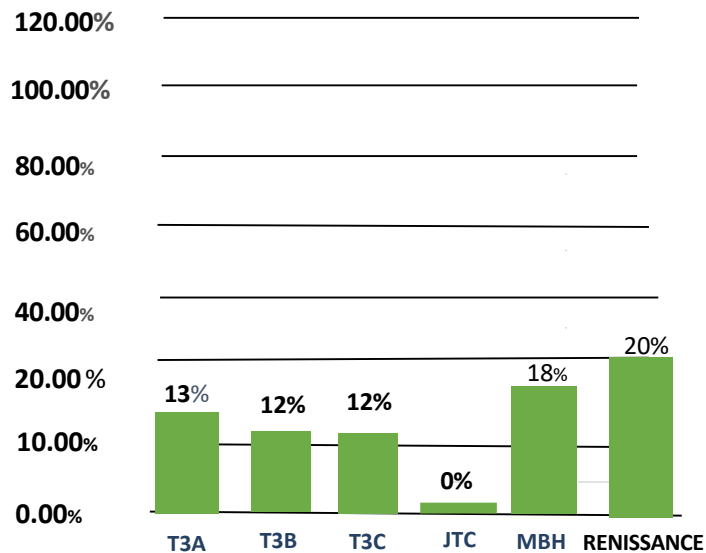
DILIGENT SEARCHES				
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MAJOR ACTIVE PROJECTS

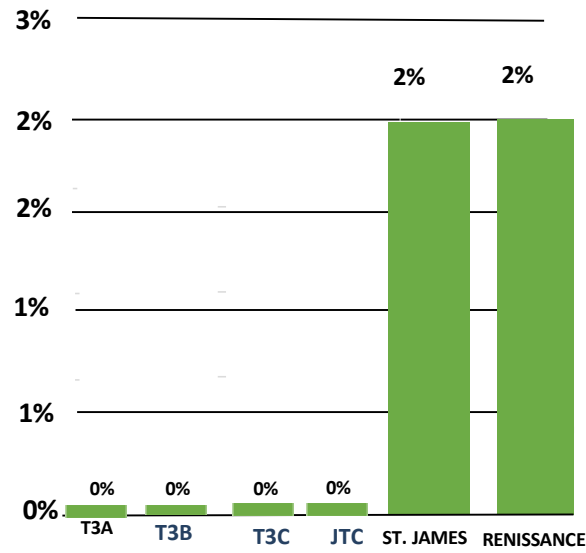


MBE & HUD Section3 Contractors & Individuals

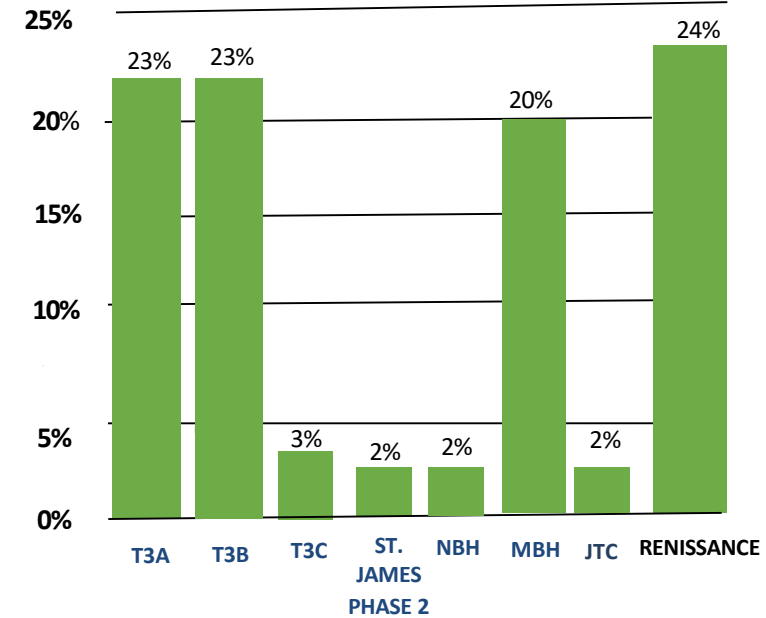
MBE CONTRACTS



SECTION3 BUSINESS CONTRACTS



SECTION3 NEW HIRES



Aerial View Encore Development



Art pieces are installed. Three drums in place. Electrical layout ,fabrication design and installation are completed. Permanent power on site. Night-lights are activated on art pieces. Shade structure in place to encourage park visitation during warmer months. Design and construction supplied by University Of South Florida. Project is 95% complete.

ENCORE TECHNOLOGY PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

- Public Art Project is a unique partnership between Tampa Housing authority, the City of Tampa Public Art Program and the School of Architecture, University of South Florida.
- WATER BEARERS consist of a procession of three metaphorical figures carrying water. The Water Bearers relate to the large storm water cistern that takes up the entire site below grade as water conservation and detention system – complementing the Technology Park's sustainable agenda
- CISTERN DRUMS Is an interactive sculpture that engages the large cistern below as a resonating chamber as a musical instrument. As with the Water Bearers, Cistern Drums will be internally illuminated to provide an evening luminaria to guide visitors through the park and adding to ambiance.



Front doors and glass transom now fully restored, per City of Tampa historic preservation ARC requirements.

St. James Church- Phase 3 Final Phase-consisting of Drywall, Electrical, Floor covering, Mechanical, interior finishes and Plumbing are currently being installed. Currently, project is 98% complete.

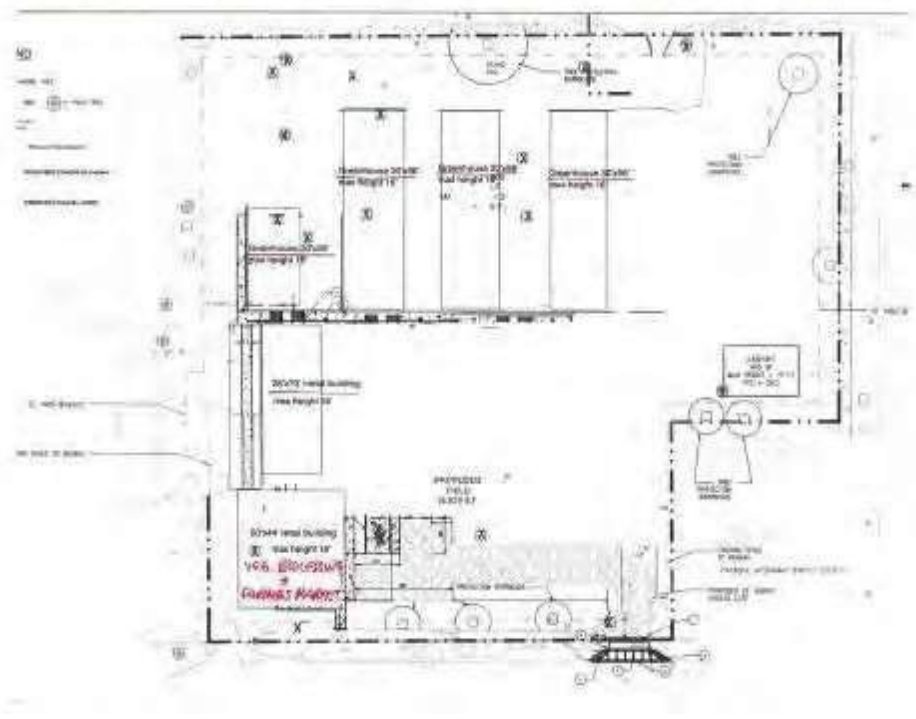
~ ST. JAMES CHURCH ~



*Above Pictures: Elevation of both sides Of Building
Middle Picture: Inside of St. James Church*

Above: Entrance/Front Of Building

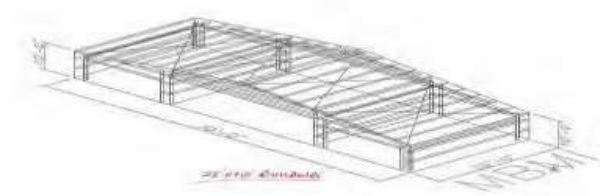
COMMUNITY URBAN FARM AT ENCORE LOT 1



Farm Well Drilling Progress



Storage Facility and Farm Stand



Urban Farm – Greenhouse plans and specs have been certified to meet Florida building and wind codes. **Land clearing in progress.**

Greenhouses and farm formation to began Mid- March 2020. Well Drilling in progress. Construction of well is underway. Farm site planting preparation to begin Summer 2020. Project is 53% complete.

Urban Farm Ground Breaking Process

Urban Farm New Logo



~JOB TRAINING CENTER~



ABOVE: RENDERING OF JOB TRAINING CENTER



ABOVE: COMPLETED JOB TRAINING CENTER
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~ COMMUNITY JOB TRAINING CENTER ~



**Project currently nearing completion. Interior metal framing is complete.
Project is 98 % complete. Completion is scheduled by May 2020.**

RENDERINGS



T2 A -NORTH TOWNHOMES ELEVATION



*T2 A -NORTH TOWN HOMES
STREETVIEW*



T3 A -TOWER1



T3 B -TOWER 3



T3 B -WITH GARAGE



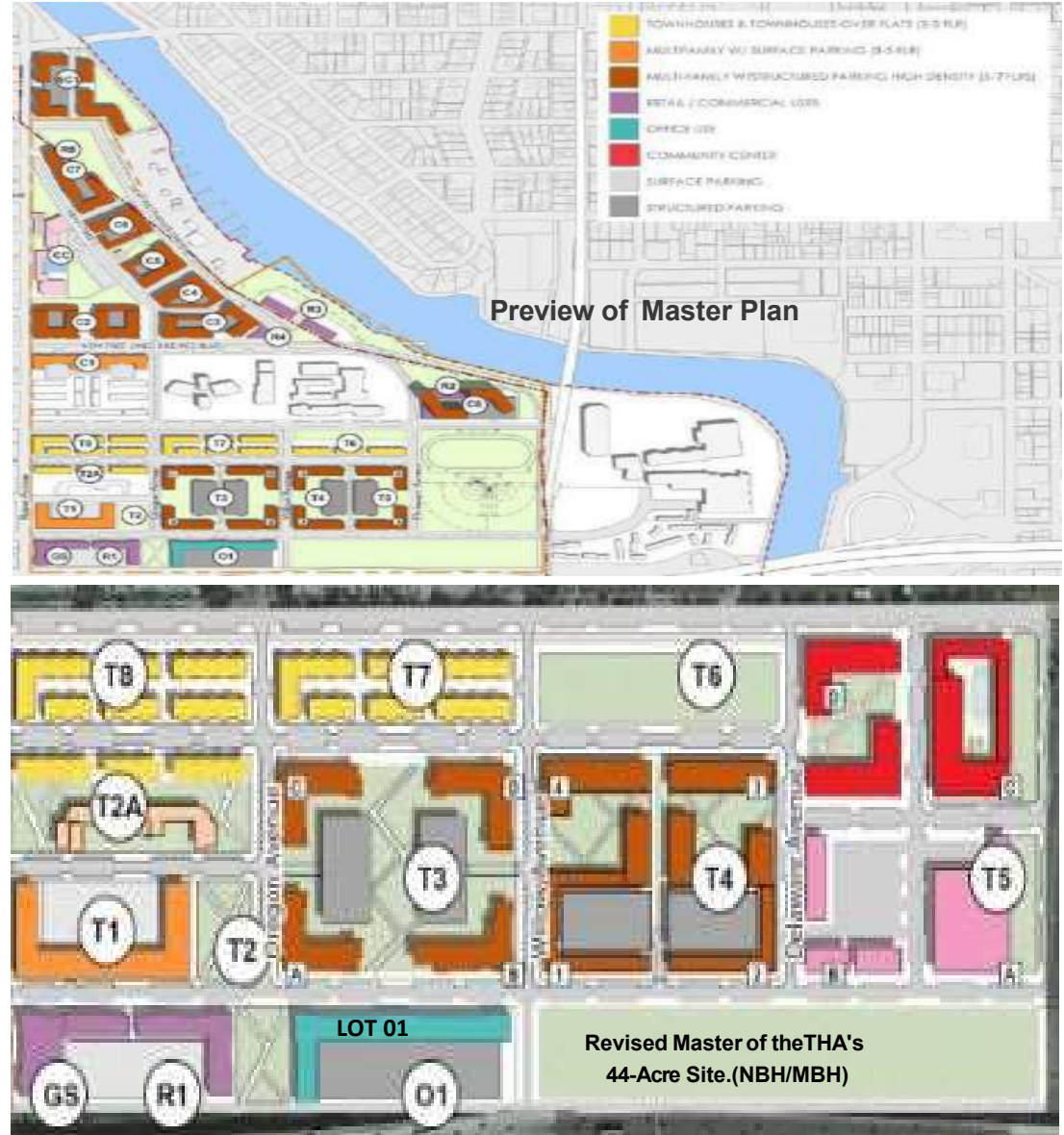
T3 C -TOWER 2

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* T3 D-(Boulevard Tower 4) in Schematic design phase.

WEST RIVER RE-DEVELOPMENT

- T1-**Renaissance at West River**, 160 units, under construction with DPR is currently **75%** complete. Completion is expected for **August 2020**.
- T2A-**Mary Bethune**, is under construction for modernization of 150 senior housing units. Completion date **September 2020**. Project is currently **75% complete**.
- T2A North (Town homes) **32 Town homes units for sale. 95% Construction document drawings.**“For Permit” drawings are expected by late April 2020.
- T3A-(**Boulevard Tower 1**) **Site work and building foundation in progress.** Funded 9% Tax Credit, **119 units**. General Contractor, Suffolk Construction. Project is 10% complete.
- T3B-(**Boulevard Tower 3**) Funded 9% Tax Credit, **133 units**. **Site work and building foundation in progress.** Project is 6% complete.
- T3C-(**Boulevard Tower 2**) **100% Construction Documents and permits approved. NTP issued March 10, 2020.** General Contractor, Suffolk Construction. Funded 4% Tax Credit, **119 units**. **Pre-construction held Jan 9, 2020. Project is 5% complete.**
- T3D- (**Boulevard Tower 4**) **102 units** in Schematic design phase. **Multi-Family Development.**
- T4-**Phase1** -selected for funding 9/19/19 to FHFC for (112 Units). To be awarded \$8 million of CDBG disaster recovery funding from FHFC
- T4-**Phase2 (107 Units) and T4-Phase3 (119) units** submitted application. Submitted for SAIL funding.
- T5-Developed by partnership with Related Group.
- Lot 01 (**IN BLUE**) Task Order issued to Design Styles for 80,000 Sq. ft. building.



T2A- Mary Bethune Highrise-150 Senior Housing Units



T1-The Renaissance at West River- 160 Senior Housing Units



ABOVE: T2A MARY BETHUNE IN PROGRESS



ABOVE: T-1 RENAISSANCE AT WEST RIVER IN PROGRESS

T3A-119Units, Multi-Family Development



T3C-West River 119 Units, Multi-Family Development



ABOVE: T3A IN PROGRESS



ABOVE: T3C- IN PROGRESS

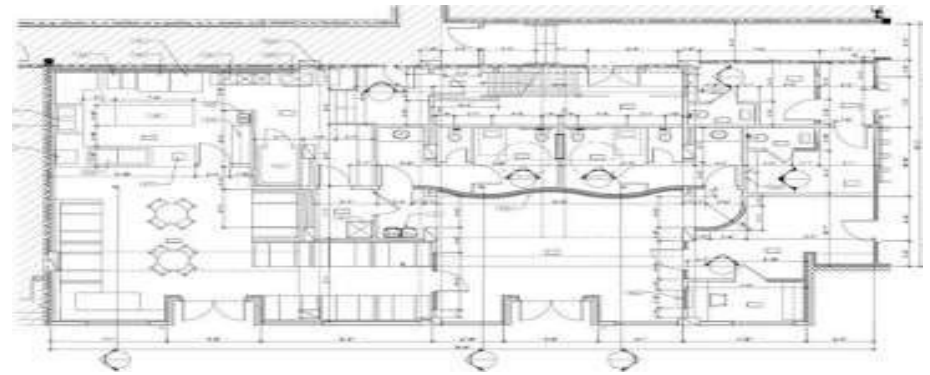
TEMPO THEATRE/RESTAURANT

Designed by GLE. Interior Build-out in design phase. General Contractor in negotiations. Tempo Theatre and Restaurant Build-out. Powerstories selected as Theatre Operator.

SOUTH EAST ELEVATION- THEATRE LOCATION BOTTOM FLOOR



**ABOVE: THEATRE
INTERIOR**



**ABOVE: SCHEMATIC LAYOUT
GROUND FLOOR**

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Submitted by: Facilities
Terrance Brady: Director

Energy Services Department Activities:

Maintenance staff including the preventive maintenance team are operating under the Stay Safe at Home Order and responding to emergency and urgent work order requests. The Site Supervisors are on site and using their judgement on what needs to be done and can be done safely. We require our maintenance staff to honor the 6-foot separation rule for the safety of both our residents and our staff. If a maintenance man cannot maintain a 6-foot separation he is to leave the work area until he can. We maintain the trash compactors and dumpsters along with debris and discarded furniture pick-up.

Encore Chiller Plant

In the past TECO moved us to the alternative rate structure due to a low load factor. In recent months we've hit above 30% and we are in the process of switching over to a Time of Day (TOD) rate structure. We will report utility cost savings when they become available.

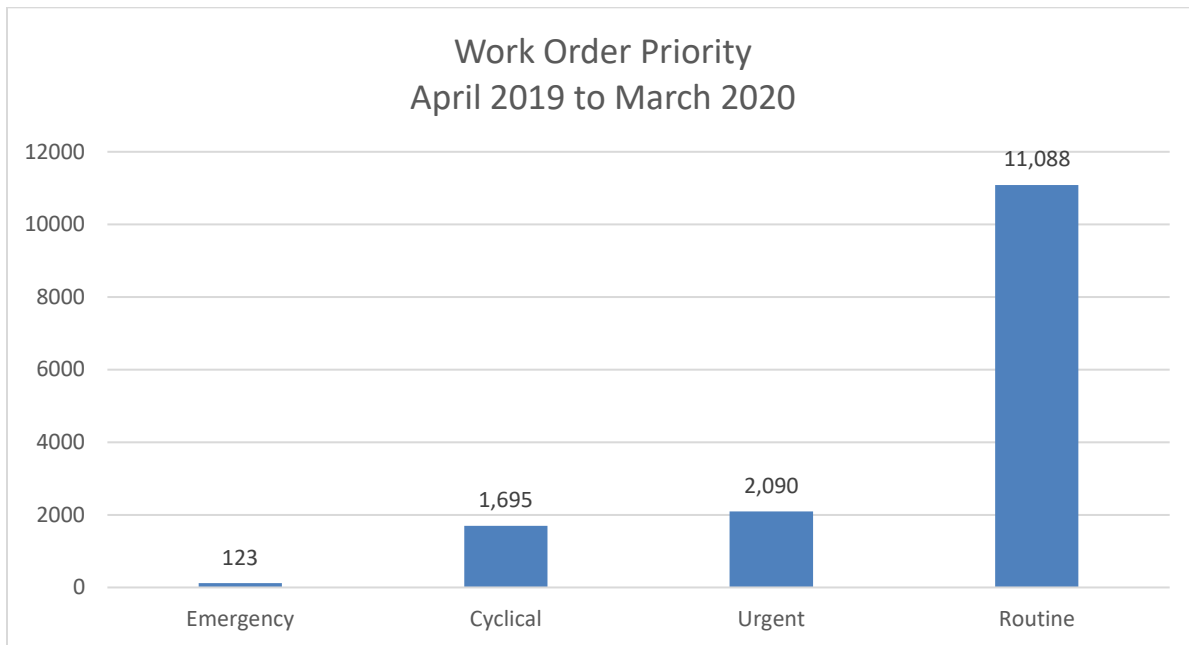
Educating Residents & Staff: A monthly report of utility consumption and expenses are emailed to each of the Property Managers. These reports help determine where to schedule educational training to reduce consumption and to educate residents on reducing their energy bills. When properties show an increase in utility consumption or residents ask for more information on energy costs, additional meetings are scheduled to address these issues. The Sustainability Ambassadors Grant Program also provides training and education to our residents.

Special Project Activities:

In 1999 THA began a pro-active policy to control and eliminate Elevated Blood Lead Levels on our properties. THA began the development of a strong partnership with Hillsborough County Public Health consisting of training of residents and explaining the importance of testing of children under 7 years of age for environmental intervention blood lead levels (EIBLL) HUD has recently lowered the EBL level to match the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at 5µg/dl.

Facilities:

We are improving data collection from work orders to measure and control costs and inventory and developing a customer satisfaction survey procedure. Electronic work orders are currently being utilized by some of the maintenance staff to test the new system of paperless work orders.



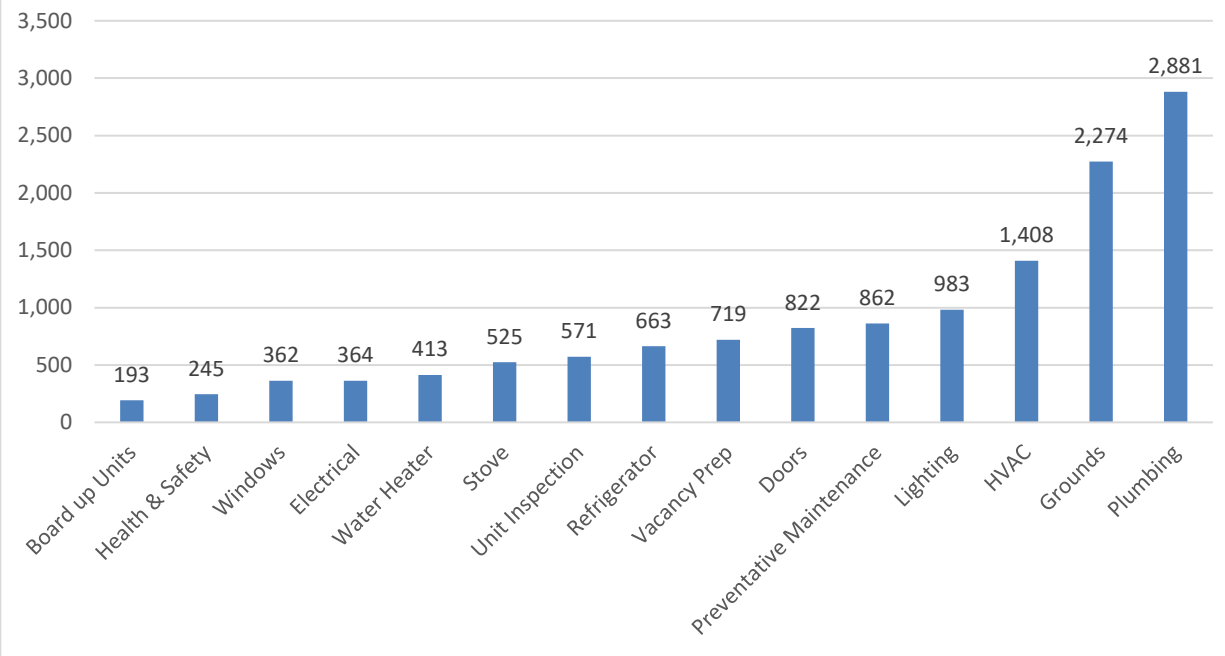
Emergency = Immediate action is required as it presents a threat to life, asset/property, security or environment; demands **immediate** response and mitigation, but not necessarily a permanent repair.

Urgent = Situations and conditions pose a threat of injury, asset/property damage, or a serious disruption to resident’s normal or expected living conditions and will be addressed within **24 hours**.

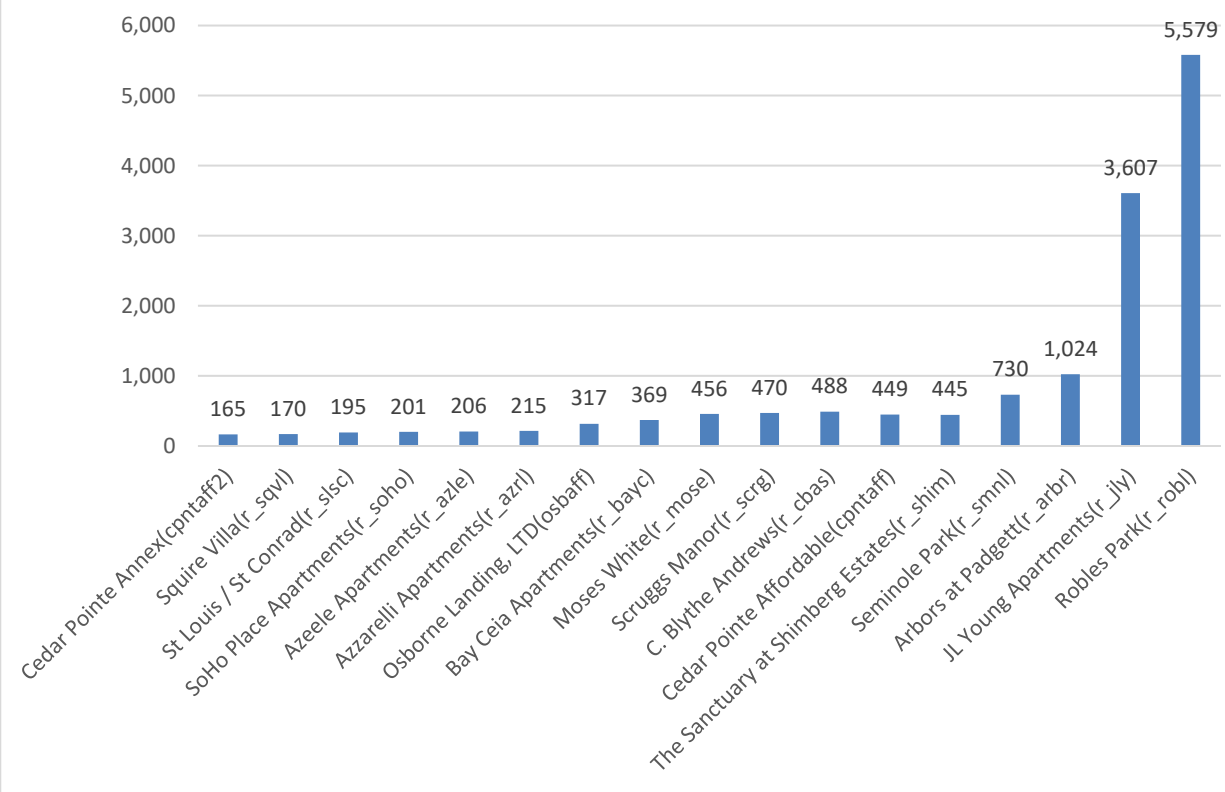
Routine = Expedited situations do not pose an immediate risk to the apartment assets and/or property and will be responded to within **24 to 48 hours**.

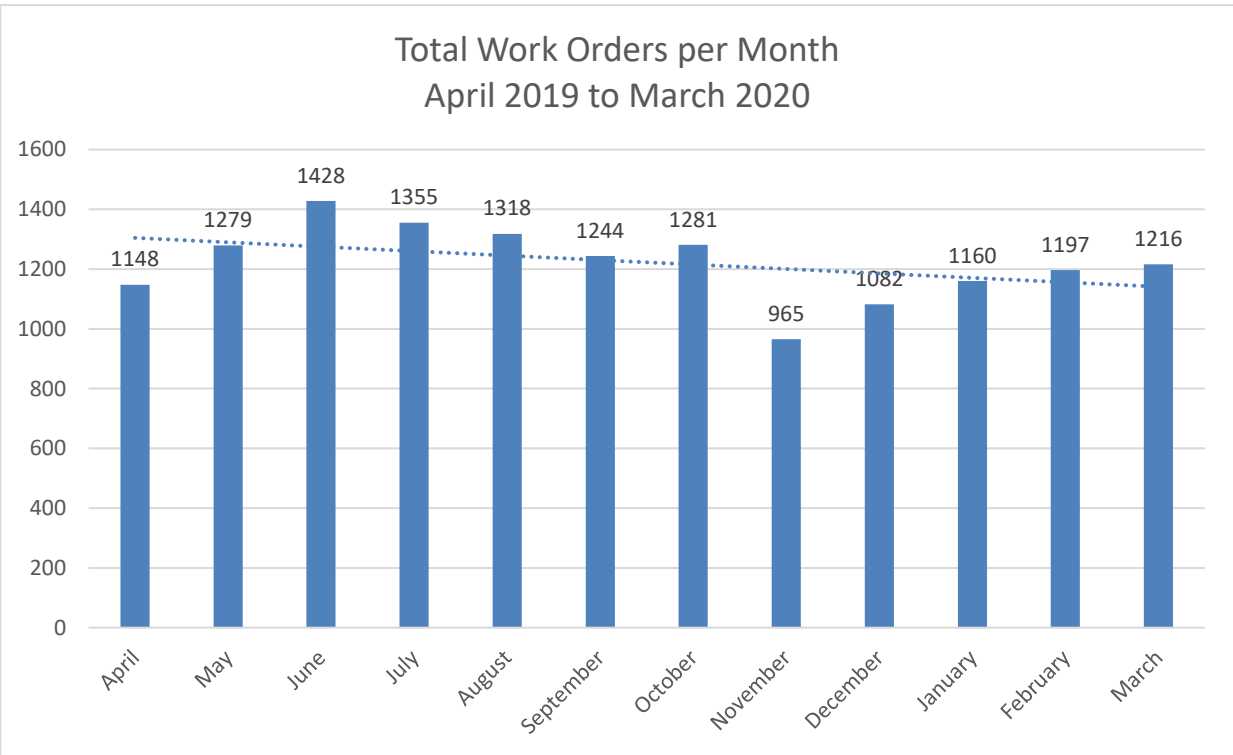
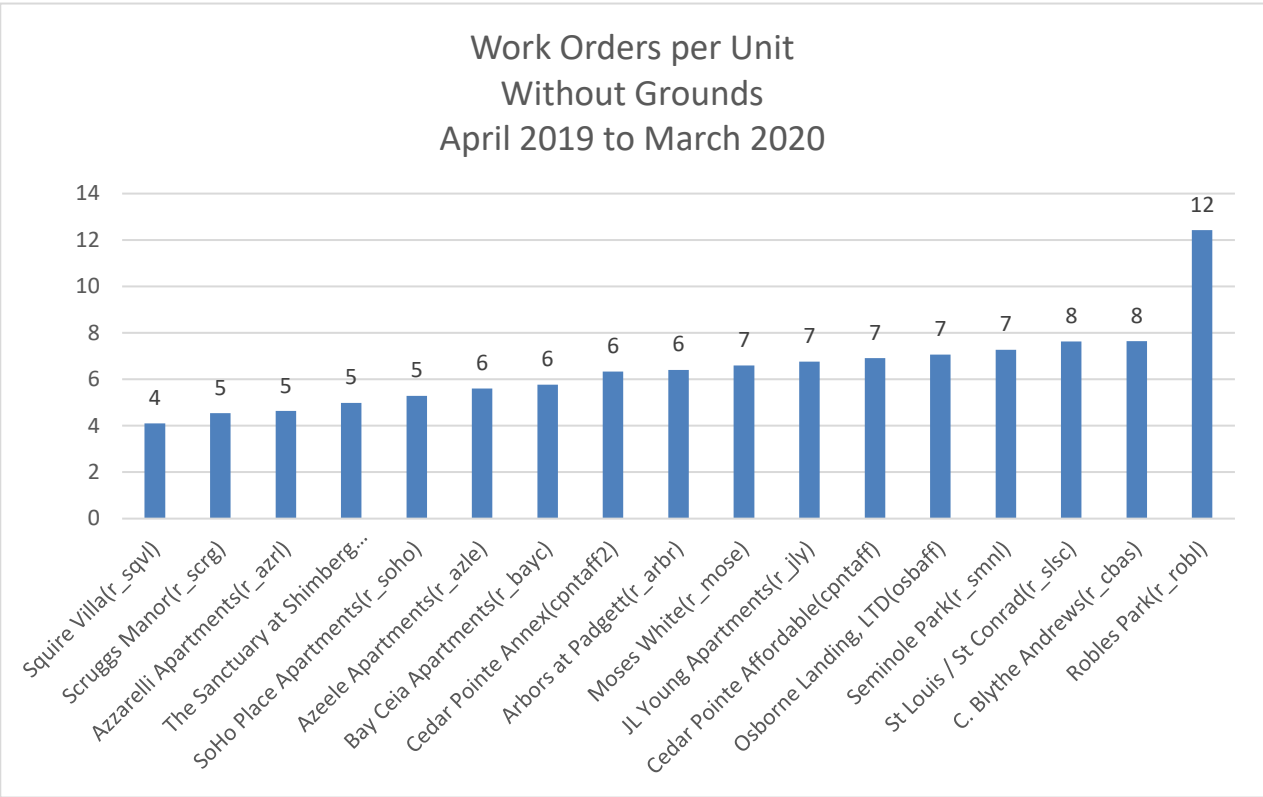
Scheduled/Preventative Maintenance = Schedule/Preventative maintenance refers to maintenance or service requests that are planned and scheduled in advance.

Top 15 Work Order Categories
April 2019 to March 2020

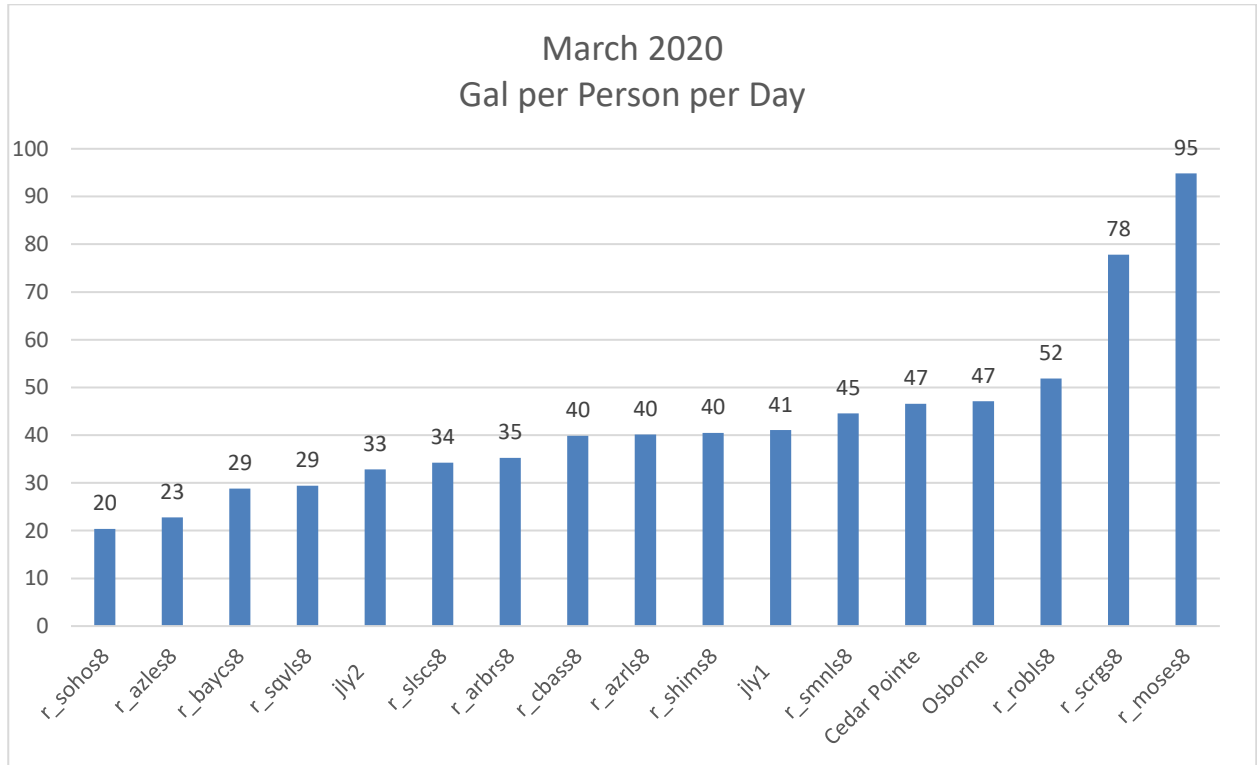


Work Order per Property
April 2019 to March 2020





Average = 1223/Month



THA average number of Gallons per Person per Day (GPD) for March is 43. The average Tampa Single-family residential customer uses an estimated 76 GPD

Contract Register March 2020

Contractor	Description	Start Date	End Date	Contract Amount	Paid to Date	Change Orders	Revised Amount	Amount Left	% Complete	MBE \$	MBE%
CGI Federal Inc.	PBCA Contract Administration	11/1/2019	10/31/2020	\$400,000.00	\$45,715.00	0.00		\$299,456.00	25.13%	144,384.00	36.00%
Berman Hopkins Wright & Laham, LLP	Independent Audit Services	4/27/2016	12/26/2020	\$207,915.00	\$344,745.00	232,415.01	\$440,330.01	\$95,585.01	78.29%	175,415.00	54.00%
Fallon Advisory LLC	Rental Assistance Demonstration Advisory Services(RAD)	3/24/2017	3/30/2021	\$121,511.28	\$70,734.97	0.00		\$50,776.31	58.21%		
Design Styles Architecture	A & E Services	12/18/2019	12/19/2022	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00		\$1,500,000.00	0.00%		
GLE Associates, Inc	A & E Services	12/18/2019	12/19/2022	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00		\$1,500,000.00	0.00%		
Tyson and Billy Architects, P.C.	A & E Services	12/20/2019	12/20/2022	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00		\$1,500,000.00	0.00%		
Cardno, Inc.	A & E Services	2/15/2018	3/1/2022	\$300,000.00	\$72,418.36			\$216,060.00	18.57%		
CareerSource Tampa Bay	Job Plus Initiative Grant Services	8/15/2017	3/31/2021	\$79,188.56	\$69,086.44	0.00		\$10,102.12	87.24%		
CVR Associates Inc	Consulting Services to facilitate & update THA business plan	4/1/2018	6/30/2023	\$136,900.02	\$165,454.00	\$74,220.00	\$211,120.02	\$45,666.02	78.37%	211,120.00	100.00%
Abbie J. Weist, Inc.	Grant Writing Consultant Services	5/2/2018	5/2/2020	\$80,000.00	\$34,157.72	0.00		\$45,824.28	42.72%		
Meacham Urban Farmers LLC	Encore Urban Farm	1/9/2018	1/8/2023	\$341,162.00	\$144,605.57	0.00		\$194,873.41	42.89%		
TCC Enterprise Inc.	Landscaping Services THA Headquarters & Facilities	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$22,800.00	\$20,900.00	22,800.00	\$45,600.00	\$22,800.00	50%	45,600.00	100.00%
TCC Enterprise Inc.	Landscaping North Scattered Sites	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$54,000.00	\$40,500.00	54,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$63,000.00	41.66%	108,000.00	100.00%
TCC Enterprise Inc.	Landscaping Services Robles Park	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$26,400.00	\$13,200.00	26,400.00	\$52,800.00	\$37,400.00	29.16%	52,800.00	100.00%

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Jeffery Martin Lawn & Tree, LLC	Landscaping Services J.L. Young & Annex	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$30,000.00	\$18,737.00	30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$41,263.00	31.24%	60,000.00	100.00%
Clean Cut Professional Lawn & Landscape	Landscaping Services South Scattered Sites	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$55,736.55	\$32,887.00	55,736.55	\$111,473.10	\$78,586.10	29.5	55,736.55	50.00%
Golden Sun LLC	Landscaping Services Vacant Lots And Occupied Home	5/1/2019	3/31/2021	\$1,920.00	\$170.00	1,920.00		\$3,670.00	4.42	3,670.00	100.00%
Girls Empowered Mentally for Success	Partnership to divert youth from the juvenile justice system and child welfare systems	4/1/2018	4/30/2020	\$30,000.00	\$23,425.35	0.00		\$6,574.65	78.08%	30,000.00	100.00%
Free4Ever Now International, Inc.	Village Link-Up partnership	1/1/2019	9/30/2020	\$14,090.00	\$7,945.00	0.00		\$6,145.00	56.38%	14,090.00	100.00%
Ardexo Housing Solutions, Inc.	Self Serve Scanning Kiosk	2/11/2019	2/11/2020	\$7,500.00	\$2675.41	7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,324.59	17.83%		
Buster Simpson LLC	Encore public Art and USF Design Build Workshop	9/28/2018	12/30/2019	\$262,400.00	\$186,160.00	0.00		\$76,240.00	70.95%		
Project Link, Inc.	Provide Case Management for Robles Park Residents	10/1/2018	9/30/2020	\$18,090.00	\$2,500.00	0.00		\$15,590.00	13.82%	18,090.00	100.00%
Cane Construction	St. James church	7/31/2019	4/1/2020	\$488,153.00	\$275,911.25	51,821.00	\$539,974.00	\$264,062.75	51.10%		
Signature Property Services	Asset Management Services	6/7/2019	7/30/2022	\$75,000.00	\$114,694.00	51,178.00	\$126,178.00	\$11,484.00	90.89%	126,178.00	100.00%
EDJKONSULTING	Strategic Planning	6/10/2019	7/30/2022	\$75,000.00	\$35,200.00	68,200.00	\$143,200.00	\$108,000.00	24.58%	143,200.00	100.00%
Strickland Construction Inc.	Community Training Center @ Encore	5/29/2019	4/1/2020	\$1,748,882.00	\$1,250,735.44	-581.00	\$1,748,300.06	\$497,564.62	64.38%		
A-Safecare Inc.	Professional Pest Control	4/1/2020	3/31/2021	\$30,873.60	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$30,873.60	0.00%	\$30,873.60	100.00%

Contract Register March 2020

Contractor	Description	Start Date	End Date	Contract Amount	Paid to Date	Change Orders	Revised Amount	Amount Left	% Complete	MBE \$	MBE%
Florida Pest Control	Professional Pest Control	4/1/2020	3/31/2021	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$19,500.00	0.00%		
Kenya Woodard, LLC	Event Cordinator	3/2/2020	3/1/2021	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	\$5,000.00	100.00%
ADP	Time Mangement Services	12/18/2019	12/30/2021	\$55,525.40	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$55,525.40	0.00%		
Ring Central	Cloud Base Phone Services	3/18/2020	3/21/2022	\$102,093.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$102,093.00	0.00%		

Total Contract Amount:	\$11,043,778.15	\$3,223,830.86	Total MBE Contract's Amount:	\$1,301,521.54
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY REPORT
March 2020**

**Department of Community Affairs
Lillian. C. Stringer, Director**

Keeping the agency involved with our community is a key element in terms of engagement. By participating in community activities, events, meetings and others, we are demonstrating that we are also concerned regarding what is going on in the overall community, not just housing functions, but those activities that involve and provide services for our residents and their families; these are important to us. We are proud to lend our voice, participation, time and energy towards improving the role of the Tampa Housing Authority in the community.

WEST RIVER TRIPLE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY MARCH 10TH

The partnership between the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa, Related Urban and our other partners that include the City of Tampa, BB&T/SunTrust, now TRUIST), Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Bank of America, U.S. Department of HUD, Suffolk, BDG Architects and Cardno, will result in 376 units of new affordable housing in the City of Tampa) where former residents of the North Boulevard Homes community will have first right of refusal at the completion of the new community as follows:

Boulevard Tower 1

119 multi - family units, 80% Affordable

2,258 SF Retail Space, Computer/Library room, Fitness room, Game Room, Community Room, 331 space Parking Garage, Scheduled for Completion, Fall 2021.

Boulevard Tower 2

119 Multi- family units, 100% Affordable

1,730 SF Retail Space, Computer/Library room, Fitness room, Game Room, Community Room, 331 space Parking Garage, Scheduled for Completion, Fall 2021.

Boulevard Tower 3

113 Units, 80% Affordable

2,230 SF Retail Space, Library, Fitness Room, Game Room and Community Room

** At full build-out THA anticipates approximately 1600 units of which 1000 will be affordable

This well attended event featured THA Board Chairman James Cloar who served as Master of Ceremonies , remarks from Mayor Jane Castor, HUD Jacksonville Regional Director Alesia Scott-Ford, Tampa City Councilman Orlando Gudes, Albert Milo, President of the Related Group, Tony Del Pozzo, a representative of the Related Group gave the Project Overview, Ben Wilson, Suffolk VP of Operations and Jerome D. Ryans, THA President/CEO gave closing remarks. Additionally, representatives from Senator Marco Rubio's office and Congresswoman Cathy Castor's office were also in attendance, Bishop Thomas Scott gave the Invocation.

A highlight of the event featured the IKON Charter School drumline and Drill team that heralded to the community and program participants that there was something special going on that morning for all eager to hear more regarding this vibrant new community.

** All other community events as well as travel to NAHRO were canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April		
Saturday, April 4, 2020	6:00 PM	Freedom Fund Dinner, Tampa Convention Center, EVENT CANCELLED
Friday, April 10, 2020	all day	Spring Holiday
Sunday, April 12, 2020	all day	Easter Sunday
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	all day	Tax Day
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	8:30 AM	THA Board of Commissioners Meeting, Virtual/THA Boardroom
May -- Event locations are to be determined (TBD)		
Tuesday, May 5, 2020	all day	Cinco De Mayo
Tuesday, May 5, 2020	11:30 AM	Latinos Unidos Scholarship Luncheon, Armature Works, TBD
Sunday, May 10, 2020	all day	Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	8:00 AM	Bay Area Apt Assoc Finance Boot Camp, TBD
Thursday, May 14, 2020	12:00 PM	Menopause and Perimenopause (WC), TBD
Friday, May 15, 2020	10:00 AM	Annual Elderly Affairs Day, TBD
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	5:30 PM	GTE Financial Workshop, TBD
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	8:30 AM	THA Board of Commissioners Meeting, THA Boardroom
Thursday, May 21, 2020	1:30 PM	Bay Area Apt Assoc BOD Meeting, TBD
Monday, May 25, 2020	all day	Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	1:30 PM	Landlord Workshop, TBD
June -- Event locations are to be determined (TBD)		
Friday, June 5, 2020	8:00 AM	12th Annual THA Charity Golf Tournament, 5700 Saddlebrook Wy, Wesley Chapel
Tuesday, June 16, 2020	5:30 PM	GTE Financial Workshop, THA Cypress
Wednesday, June 17, 2020	8:30 AM	THA Board of Commissioners Meeting, THA Boardroom
Thursday, June 18, 2020	12:00 PM	Men's Health, THA Cypress
Sunday, June 21, 2020	all day	Father's Day
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	11:00 AM	Career Fair Program and Property Services, THA Cypress
Wednesday, June 24, 2020	1:30 PM	Landlord Workshop, THA Cypress

- X Board Meetings
- X National Holidays
- X Events of higher interest for Commissioners
- X THA Events by Staff and other agencies/businesses



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Letter to our Community from Jerome D. Ryans, President/CEO CoronaVirus Update

Tampa Fl. (*April 8, 2020*) At the center of The Tampa Housing Authority's purpose is our commitment to help our families and communities. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

During this global health crisis, we encourage everyone to observe the "Stay at Home" order that the State of Florida and Hillsborough County have issued, especially for those age 65 and older. To contain the spread, it is important to leave home only if it is essential and to follow all of the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which include frequent handwashing, especially after coughing or sneezing, and maintaining a social distance of six feet from others. There are two other things we would like to bring to your attention.

First, is that initial studies are showing that a disproportionate number of African Americans are being infected and dying from coronavirus. The reasons are complex, however, it may be, in part, due to the high rate of health issues in the minority population, such as diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease. This weakens a person's immune system and makes it more difficult to fight the virus. This is a stark and strong reminder that the families we serve should take every precaution possible to avoid contracting coronavirus.

And secondly, we know that many of our families are struggling financially at this time. If you are a resident of public housing or receive Section 8 assistance and have had a reduction of employment or work hours, please let your housing counselor know immediately, complete the change form, and we can have your rent payments readjusted.

While our offices are currently closed to the public, we are still working remotely and full-time – nearly 75% of us, in fact. We are focused on serving you with voucher issuance, recertifications, maintenance workorders and lease ups, and our hours remain Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Staff members may be reached via email. For contact information or to download forms, please visit our website at www.thafl.com. To contact our Assisted Housing team, logon at <http://www.thafl.com/Departments/Assisted-Housing/contact.aspx>.

Our highest priority is and continues to be those that we serve and that are team is healthy and safe while doing so.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THA NOTIFIES TENANTS AND LANDLORDS THAT ROUTINE BUSINESS OPERATIONS ARE IN ABEYANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Executive and Designated Essential Staff Remain Available in Event of Emergency

Tampa, FL (March 27, 2020) At the center of The Tampa Housing Authority’s (THA) purpose is its commitment to help families and communities. In the face of COVID19, THA has long recognized that it must strike a reasonable balance between protecting everyone’s health and providing the essential services that tenants and other clients need every day.

Now, in compliance with the “Safer at Home” Order enacted by the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group on March 27, 2020, THA will implement Stage 3 of its Business Continuity Plan. To that end, it is implementing services in the following manner:

All Offices are closed indefinitely to Staff effective Friday, March 27, 2020. (Previously, the offices had been closed to the public). These closures extend to all staff and all facilities under THA management.

Executives and Staff designated as essential will be telecommuting and available in an emergency. This will ensure rapid response in the event of an emergency and ensure 24-hour availability as needed. Those contact numbers and emails may be accessed at www.thafl.com.

Additional online service and information will remain available, as well.

For updates on Section 8, vendors, owners and applicants should log on at: <https://portal.thafl.com/default.aspx>.

For families paying rent and/or seeking recertification, log on at: <http://tampahousing.thafl.com/>.

Residents may obtain a registration code by emailing rentcafe@thafl.com.

THA'S PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 WAITING LISTS ARE BOTH CLOSED AT THIS TIME. THA IS, HOWEVER, CONTINUING TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS.

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Letter to our Community from Jerome D. Ryans, President/CEO CoronaVirus Health Precautions and Temporary Procedures

Tampa, Fl. (March 19, 2020) At the center of The Tampa Housing Authority's purpose is our commitment to help our families and communities. Like many others affected by the coronavirus, this mission is dear to us, and we strive to provide the best services possible and to keep our staff and clients safe. To that end, we have activated stage 1 of our Business Continuity Plan in early March. We continue to monitor this situation closely, and we will share any changes to these procedures immediately as they become necessary.

Stage 1 is the Alert stage, and THA has assessed the recent information and followed the guidance of the CDC. The CDC recommends regular facility cleanings and limited personal contact as the most important preventive measures we can take at this juncture.

Recognizing that we must strike a reasonable balance between protecting everyone's health and providing the services that our clients need every day, we are implementing our services in the following manner. Of course, we will continue to monitor this situation closely, and we will share any changes to these procedures immediately.

- We ask that you limit your visits to our facilities. We are not accepting walk-ins or appointments and are doing everything through email, U.S. mail or telephone. Additionally, notices are posted at each of our facilities as well as Fact Sheets available to prevent the spread of germs.
- All re-briefings and owner briefings are cancelled until further notice.
- All recertifications are done by U.S. mail only. Families may email, U.S. mail or scan their information utilizing scanning kiosks located in our customer service lobby.
- All voucher issuance briefings are continued until further notice.
- Inspections are continued until further notice.
- Monthly HAP payments are continuing and, if delayed, you will be notified.
- If you are scheduled for an appointment and are not feeling well, please contact your housing representative and reschedule.

As needed, you may reach all staff via email. For contact information or to download forms, please visit our website at www.thafl.com. To contact our Assisted Housing team, logon at <http://www.thafl.com/Departments/Assisted-Housing/contact.aspx>.

As always, our highest priority is and continues to be the health and well-being of everyone who comes into the Tampa Housing Authority.

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RE: COVID-19/Coronavirus

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The Tampa Housing Authority is taking guidance from the CDC, which recommends regular facility cleaning and limited personal contact as the most important preventive measures we can take. And, out of an abundance of caution, we have temporarily limited our services as follows:

- **We will not be taking walk-ins or appointments and will do everything through email, mail or phone;**
- **All re-briefings and owner briefings will be cancelled until further notice;**
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Florida Senate Seeks “Lost” African American Cemeteries

Black Voice News, Community | Brendan Farrington, *Contributor* | March 11, 2020



Tallahassee, FL (AP) — Florida would create a task force to identify unmarked and abandoned African American cemeteries and make recommendations on how to preserve them under a bill unanimously passed by the Senate on Monday.

Several such cemeteries have been found around the state, including one in Tampa where the local housing authority built apartments above the graves of about 800 African Americans buried in the early 1900s, and a slave burying ground that’s now under a Tallahassee golf course.

“Across the state of Florida such cemeteries called lost are being found,” said Democratic Sen. Darryl Rouson. “We cannot continue to run away from our collective history, and we can no longer allow others to rewrite that history, or at its worst, force the history off the pages of time.”

The Tampa Bay Times wrote a series of articles that brought attention to the Zion Cemetery at the site of a public housing development. That prompted local officials to investigate the graves. Also last year, a separate African American cemetery was discovered on the grounds of a Tampa high school.

The bill would establish memorials at the two Tampa sites and would direct the Department of State to work with the University of South Florida and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to research the Zion Cemetery and identify relatives of those buried there.

“There were those who thought that by building buildings or removing headstones they could obliterate the memory and dignity of a people and families that were buried there. This should never happen again,” Rouson said.

A similar House bill hasn’t received a committee hearing, and the Legislature is scheduled to end its annual session on Friday.

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TAMPA — Kevin Cosme doesn't have a TV or a cell phone, but he's heard talk about a disease that's got people concerned.

Homeless for the past 10 years, Cosme sat Thursday evening under a cinderblock shelter at Borrell Park on Nebraska Avenue with about a dozen other men and women. Some passed around a clove cigarette.

He wasn't familiar with the term "coronavirus," or how it spreads. Even if he wanted to wash his hands more often, gas station attendants usually throw him out before he can reach the bathroom, he said.

"It makes me worried a lot," he said. "I don't know how to try and fight it."

Cosme's one regular meal comes from Trinity Café, a food kitchen run by Feeding Tampa Bay. The nonprofit serves about 500 people every day in two Tampa locations.

But like every other sector of the U.S. economy, nonprofits worry about service interruptions in the face of a global pandemic. And if they fail to provide food, shelter and other essential services, those who rely on them have nowhere else to turn.

Among the challenges: State warnings against large gatherings could force places like Trinity Café to close their doors and move food programs to the street.

The Feed the Bay event, run by Tampa Bay churches was postponed this weekend because of the recommendation against large gatherings. The event was expected to serve about 150,000 pounds of food.

Fear of coronavirus infection, meantime, is causing nonprofits to lose volunteers, especially older people and those with compromised immune systems.

Feeding Tampa Bay lost an estimated 40 percent of its volunteers in the days since Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency, said executive director Thomas Mantz. The nonprofit provides food to about 500 community groups across a 10-county area.

Meals on Wheels of Tampa has also seen a decline in volunteers. For many of the nonprofit's clients, the meal they receive is the only food they eat each day.

As the pandemic escalates, the strain felt by depleted nonprofits is likely to increase, Mantz warned.

When schools are closed, he wants to send food trucks into neighborhoods for children who rely on school meals. He would also like to feed hundreds of hourly paid workers who will lose income from the closure of sports stadiums and theme parks. And he expects food pantries will close or reduce services if they lose more volunteers.

Feeding Tampa Bay is stockpiling hygiene and cleaning products to distribute to low-income families and is expanding its hot meal service to seniors and others who need to avoid group dining rooms in assisted living and senior housing centers.



Kevin Cosme has been homeless for about 10 years. He said he is worried about the coronavirus but not sure what to do about it. [CHRISTOPHER O'DONNELL | Times]

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But the challenge a pandemic poses is unique, Mantz said: Unlike hurricanes and other emergencies that are largely localized, communities won't be able to look to other states for help.

"And so we're going to need our community to step up much more," he said, "because we can't draw extra food from outside of our area and we can't get more volunteer support or other support from outside our area."

About 250 people who are homeless or struggling to put food on the table waited to eat Friday at Trinity Café.

On the menu was chicken Alfredo, buttered green beans and salad.

Once Hillsborough announced its first cases of coronavirus, servers started wearing gloves. Disinfectant has replaced Windex to clean glass tabletops. Diners were asked to pump sanitizer from a family-size bottle before entering.

Michelle Hernandez shared most of her plate with her fiancé Richard Sanford.

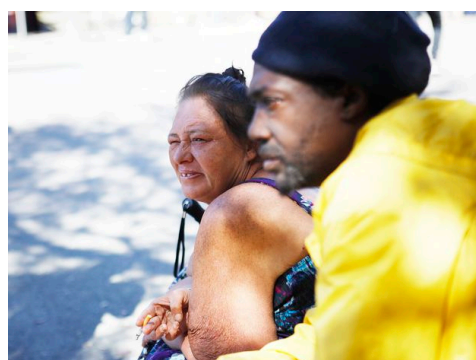
On disability her whole adult life because of severe dyslexia, Hernandez became homeless about 10 years ago. Her mother died when she was 8, and she was unable to stay with her father as an adult.

Her four children are in foster care. She sleeps in a nearby park with few possessions — mostly clothes, books, and a cellphone that died weeks ago.

"If we didn't have this, we wouldn't eat," she said as she ate her meal.



Trinity Café sous chef Marvin Brown prepares chicken Alfredo for patrons in Tampa on Friday. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]



Michelle Hernandez, left, and Richard Sanford wait outside Trinity Café in Tampa for their one regular daily meal. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]

She's heard people talking about the coronavirus and wants to protect herself. But she said the sink in the café restroom is the only opportunity she has to wash her hands each day.

The talk she has heard about the pandemic has only added to the feeling that things are stacked against her.

"I'm sick now; I don't know what's wrong with me," she said. "I have to keep going,"

Feeding Tampa Bay officials know the café is a gathering point where the virus could spread. Mantz said operators follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Only about 70 people are seated at one time. The CDC defines a large gathering as 1,000 or more; some local rules say 250.

Still, Mantz said, change could come if the number of infected people climbs. The operation would move outdoors. But he insists that meals will be served.

On Friday, Trinity's parent organization supplied volunteers to serve lunch. Some regular volunteers have been told by their employers to stay away, Mantz said.

Among those sticking it out is Louie Sullivan.

At 75, he is more vulnerable to the coronavirus, according to health experts. Nonetheless, the Carrollwood man occasionally embraced those arriving for food.

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Throughout a two-hour shift Friday, he used about eight pairs of rubber gloves. He's heard about the risks of the virus but said the work he does is too important to walk away from.

"What are you going to do? These people have to eat."

Meals on Wheels of Tampa relies on volunteers to deliver hot meals to 1,880 people in Hillsborough County each day.

"The people we serve are homebound, so they're pretty much quarantined already, but retaining the volunteers has been a problem," said Steve King, the program's executive director. "I think we're all still trying to figure out what we're going to do as we learn more and see what happens."

The group's parent organization, Meals on Wheels America, is urging the federal government to provide supplemental funding for nutrition programs.

The CDC advised homeless shelters to put up flyers about the importance of hygiene and the need to self-isolate if you show symptoms. But many homeless have



Volunteer Louie Sullivan, 75, center, talks with Trisha English, left, and her fiancé Christian Tackett during lunch Friday at Trinity Café in Tampa. Sullivan has heard about the health risks of the coronavirus but he plans to keep helping anyway. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]

mental health issues. It's unclear how many are heeding

the guidance.

About 110 mostly homeless people sleep at the Salvation Army shelter on Florida Avenue each night.

The shelter now screens people who arrive every evening through a list of questions. Staffers have also been trained to spot symptoms, said Capt. Andy Miller, the group's Tampa area commander.

"There's been hard times in the past; we want to serve people in this time," Miller said. "One way we do that is by keeping them safe."

Other nonprofits are also scrambling in response to the pandemic.

The Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg wants to establish a response fund for residents who meet the criteria to be quarantined but cannot afford to miss work. About one in four families lack the savings to handle a \$400 emergency, said president and chief executive Randall H. Russell.

"How do we support those people who don't have money for food or rent?" Russell said. "It's still unfolding, and we have so few cases in Pinellas. But we know they're coming."

Public housing agencies also are taking steps to protect tenants, especially older ones.

The Tampa Housing Authority has limited visitors to Palm Terrace, an assisted living center, and to J.L. Young Apartments, a community for older people. The authority told employees to stay at home if they are sick. Community events in the Reed at Ella, another senior housing complex, were canceled as of Friday and maintenance teams have been wiping down elevators and doorknobs.

In St. Petersburg, the housing authority closed its offices in Jordan Park and Disston Place to minimize contact with the public, said LaShunda Battle, interim chief executive officer.

Still, people like Monica Hendrichs are left to navigate the crisis by themselves.

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Hendrichs, 48, applied for disability because of liver failure. She lives with her boyfriend in a Seminole Heights house that is rent free because it has no water. An extension cord from a neighbor's house powers her TV.

Asked if she was worried about the virus, she said "No," and pointed to the sky.

"The man above watches me," she said. "I ain't got nothing to worry about."

Help during the coronavirus:

To find a food pantry, go to feedingtampabay.org

For housing and emergency food assistance call (813) 219-1000 or go to metromin.org

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Tampa Park Apartments not adjusting eviction dates despite coronavirus

Many residents must move out by November 1.

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Shirley Dortch was just getting comfortable in her place at Tampa Park Apartments. She moved in last August with the hope of enjoying retirement near family who live in units close to hers. But now they all have to move out by November 1, the complex in Ybor City has been sold.

"We're heartbroken," Shirley tells Creative Loafing Tampa Bay as she looks around her humble living room, "I'm 68 years old, so moving won't be easy for me. We don't know what to do or if we'll get help to move out."

Her boyfriend of four years, 59-year-old Otis Thomas, lives with her. He is also distraught, standing next to Shirley in his work clothes with his hand on her chair.

Last week, as coronavirus started to shake up the daily lives of everyone in Tampa Bay, regardless of income, Creative Loafing Tampa contacted the Tampa Park Apartments leasing office to see if residents would be given any relief from the November 1 eviction date. The office said that the eviction date would not change in the face of concern surrounding novel coronavirus.

On Tuesday, FlaPol reported that "Rep. Shevrin Jones is asking Gov. Ron DeSantis to suspend evictions and utility shut-offs throughout the state as residents continue dealing with the economic effects of the new coronavirus."

"We've always gone to church," Otis says, "We have to know the Lord will help us through this."

Otis is a handyman and receives disability from a motorcycle crash in 1993. Between his income and Shirley's retirement money, they make about \$1,900 a month. Six hundred of that goes to rent for their one bedroom apartment.

"We can't afford these other places around here," says Shirley. On February 20, she and Otis found a pink note on their door that read, "We need to see you in the Tampa Park Rental Office immediately for the following reasons: Status of Your Lease." They met with property manager Yolanda Amos who broke the news to them. When Shirley asked if there would be any help finding a new place they were told, "We'll look into it."

Shirley's sister Beatrice, who has already paid \$150 in application fees for other apartments, says she asked Tampa Park's Leasing Manager Richard Debert about receiving aid to move out. Debert told her that is not going to be possible. Debert was not reachable by phone, and Amos said, "No comment. We don't know what's going on at the rental office, only the owner does."

In February, The Tampa Bay Times reported that the buyer of the complex is currently unknown. The current owner of the complex is the Lily White Security Benefit Association, which is led by Florida Sentinel Bulletin publisher Sybil Kay Andrews. She did not respond to request for comment.

About 1,200 people in 370 units are being told to move out of Tampa Park Apartments. Thirty-three tenants will receive aid in finding a new home due to their Section 8 housing status. The rest seem left to fend for themselves. Shirley paid her March rent, but other residents who wish to remain anonymous are withholding their rent until they know more about the situation. They say that they need their rent money to be able to afford moving out.

The mystery surrounding the sale makes it worse for Shirley.

"There are no answers for us," she says. "I at least want to know why, and who I should talk to about making things right."



Otis Thomas (L) with his girlfriend Shirley Dortch, who are being evicted out of Tampa Park Apartments.
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Shirley's neighbor Beverly Goodson, 62, feels similarly frustrated. She sells purses wholesale, and being near downtown Tampa is good for her business.

"All of my clients are in this area and being near them is important for me," Goodson says, "And they took down all these other cheap apartments around here so there's nowhere else to go."

The story of Tampa Park Apartments is just one in a string of destruction of affordable housing in Tampa.

In 2015, 300 residents of Tampa Presbyterian Village apartments had to move out in order to make more room for I-275. They were compensated through the federal Uniform Relocation Act of 1970, which assisted the families with funds and guidance in finding a new place to live.

In 2017, the North Boulevard Homes were demolished, with some residents saying they felt "pushed out" for the sake of new apartments and condos. This was part of the multi-million dollar project called the West River Redevelopment plan, which calls for redeveloping the 120-acre area of land within the borders of I-275, Columbus Avenue, Rome Avenue and the Hillsborough River; 820 apartments were removed, and 1,700 tenants were assigned new homes through the Tampa Housing Authority.

During the demolition, former North Boulevard Homes tenant Carlton Lofton said, "The majority of the people that have been relocated from this area in West Tampa, they'll never get the chance to come back here." As of March of this year, a majority of the area is still empty grass lots, with a small portion being developed into new apartments.

Robles Park Village, a public housing project located in Tampa Heights, is soon to be demolished. Some plans call for the redevelopment before the end of the year, after Zion, a forgotten African-American cemetery, was discovered underneath the property.

In Tampa Park Apartments, some families are beginning to pack up their belongings and look for other places. Some are going to stay with family in other states because they don't want to pay rent at Tampa Park anymore. Shirley and Otis are contemplating moving to a trailer in Thonotosassa, they heard it's quiet out there. Otis grew up just outside of Atlanta working on farms, he thinks there might be some new work he can do if he's living outside of the city.

Shirley wants peace and a steady place to live during her retirement. They're not sure if they'll still be able to live near family, but right now their priority is finding somewhere they can afford within the next eight months.

"They keep pushing people like us further and further away," Shirley says, "All so they can probably build some fancy place we can't afford on top of where we used to live."

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BROOKSVILLE — With the confirmation of Hernando County’s first four coronavirus cases on Thursday, the Hernando County Administrative Policy Group enacted a local state of emergency.

"This declaration provides Hernando County Government the authority to take action as needed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our community," according to a news release. "This includes making emergency purchases, obtaining additional resources, renting equipment, hiring workers, utilizing volunteers, etc. The local state of emergency will be in effect for seven days, or until rescinded."

The Hernando County Emergency Operations Center is monitoring developments.

The declaration follows a series of other service and access changes the county put in place this week to help combat spread of the coronavirus.

The County Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday will be held as planned. But to comply with federal guidelines to limit public gatherings, the county is urging citizens to submit their comments beforehand and view the meeting remotely.

Comments can be submitted for the record at CitizensComments@HernandoCounty.us until further notice. Hernando County Commission meetings can be viewed remotely on Spectrum Channel 644 and through the link: <http://hernandocountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/VideoScreen.aspx?EncoderID=1002&MediaType=Channel>.

The county has closed public access to its offices at 621 W. Jefferson St. in Brooksville, which house the Hernando County Housing Authority, Health and Human Services, and Veterans Services offices.

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All operations of these departments will be conducted by email, mail, phone and fax during the closure, which runs until further notice. Officials do not anticipate any interruption of services during that time.

- The **Housing Authority** website is <https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-f-m/housing-authority/-fsiteid-1>. The phone number is (352) 754-4160 and fax number is (352) 754-4168. The office will continue to process applications for housing programs.
- For **Veteran Services**, scheduled appointments will be conducted by phone at the scheduled appointment times. Those needing to turn in paperwork can fax it or use regular mail. People can access the website at <https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/veteran-services/-fsiteid-1>. The phone number is (352) 754-4033, and the fax number is (352) 754-4726.
- For **Health and Human Services**, all programs and services except for homeless assessments will be available, but face-to-face interviews will not be available. Patrons can use the website at <https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-f-m/health-human-services/-fsiteid-1>. The phone number is (352) 540-4338, and the fax number is (352) 540-4339.
- The **Building and Zoning Division** offices, at 789 Providence St. in Brooksville, will remain open to the public as a drop-off and pick-up area only until further notice. Customers can use online services at <https://www.hernandocountygis-fl.us/BldgDept/>. Applications and forms, as well as a permit drop-off area, will be available in the lobby. Permit pick-ups can be scheduled over the phone at (352) 754-4050, and inspections can be scheduled online at <https://bit.ly/2IW5sB3> or by phone at (352) 754-4050. Contractors are encouraged to use the online system at <https://bit.ly/2IW5sB3> to submit applications and documents and to receive permits. All documents can be submitted electronically via email to BLDG@HernandoCounty.us or by fax at (352) 754-4416. Customers will be contacted as soon as their documents are entered to ensure they are received.
- **Animal Services**, at 19450 Oliver St. in Brooksville, will not issue animal licenses in person. They are available online or by email through PetData. Visit <https://www.petdata.com/for-pet-owners/hrn/license-online> for more information. The shelter is suspending its practice of allowing people to visit animals, but people may still come to adopt or reclaim an animal. If the lobby is full, patrons may be asked to line up outside to maintain appropriate social distancing.
- The Hernando County **Utilities Department** customer service lobby, at 15365 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, is closed, but the department will continue to provide services via phone, email and online. In addition, payments can be submitted in the drive-thru drop box at the utilities office. For credit card payments, customers can go to [HernandoCounty.us/Utils](https://www.HernandoCounty.us/Utils) or call (352) 754-4037. To establish, close or transfer residential service, go online to [HernandoCounty.us/Utils](https://www.HernandoCounty.us/Utils). Call (352) 540-3848 for commercial permitting/fire hydrant meters and (352) 754-4757 for DBPR forms, FDEP forms and building plan submittals. Contact Customer Service at (352) 754-4037 or HCUDCS@HernandoCounty.us for all other inquiries and questions. Normal service hours will continue: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- The **Property Appraiser's Office** on the third floor of Brooksville City Hall at 201 Howell Ave. in Brooksville, will be closed until further notice. The public can reach the appraiser at (352) 754-4190 or by email at pa@hernandocounty.us.
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BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County’s governmental agencies continue to update information on services available during the coronavirus emergency, office closures and other information for local residents.

As of the state Department of Health update at 11 a.m. on Monday, Hernando County has five confirmed cases of the virus.

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The county **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting scheduled for April 13 has been canceled. All public hearings slated for that meeting will be advertised again once a new date is set.

- The **Hernando County Sheriff's Office** will not be accepting in-person public records requests until further notice. Public records requests can be submitted by email to helpdesk@hernandosheriff.org using the word "records" in the subject line. Requests can be made by phone at (352) 797-3635. No fingerprinting will be done until further notice. Sex offender and felon registration will continue. No vehicle identification number verification will be done at the Sheriff's Office, but those needing that service can call (352) 754-6830 to request a deputy or technician to respond.
- The **Hernando County Supervisor of Elections** has temporarily closed the branch office at 7443 Forest Oaks Blvd., in Spring Hill, until further notice. Voter registration applications and vote by mail requests will be available at the front door, with a drop box to place completed applications and requests in. The main office at the Hernando County Government Center, 20 N Main St., Brooksville, Room 165, will remain open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Candidates should call and make an appointment before coming to the office. For voter registration, changes, vote-by-mail ballots and other information, visit hernandovotes.com or call (352) 754-4125.
- The **Hernando County Tax Collector** has closed its offices for in-person services. The office will continue to process mail and online transactions. For assistance, residents can call or email for services. For motor vehicle questions, call (352) 754-4180 prompt # 3 or email Motorvehicle_BV@hernandocounty.us or Motorvehicle_SH@hernandocounty.us. For driver license questions call (352) 754-4230 or email Driverlicense_98@hernandocounty.us or Driverlicense_SH@hernandocounty.us. For property tax questions, call (352) 754-4180 prompt # 2 or email CCohen@hernandocounty.us.
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Brooksville

The Brooksville City Council declared a state of emergency to help make future decisions and possibly be reimbursed for actions it is taking in response to the coronavirus crisis.

During last week's council meeting, members made the disaster declaration retroactive to March 13, when the city began taking action. State and federal funds could be available at some point to reimburse the city, city staff explained.

Several council members expressed concern that the annual Art in the Park event took place on city property on March 14-15, even though the city told organizers that federal and state health officials recommended canceling events that could draw a crowd.

The council suspended any city street closings for events scheduled through May 30. And members agreed to notify groups who hold events at city venues, including parks and the Jerome Brown Center, that the city may put restrictions on their use.

Some organizations that use the center already have canceled their activities or are finding alternative ways to provide services such as meal delivery and tax preparation, city officials said.

Orange County stay-at-home order given, starts Thursday

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Orange County is ordering its more than 1.3 million residents to stay at home beginning Thursday night, its harshest effort yet to stamp out spread of the novel coronavirus, Mayor Jerry Demings said Tuesday.

The order will take effect at 11 p.m. Thursday and covers all 13 municipalities in the county. It is an attempt to “flatten the curve” — or ensure that medical facilities aren’t overwhelmed as more cases of the virus emerge.

Only people traveling for essential business, including trips to work, the grocery store or pharmacy, will be allowed on the streets. The order will be in effect for two weeks, but Demings and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer said it could be extended then. Residents are allowed to exercise outside but are discouraged from doing so in groups.

Demings said he doesn’t take the order lightly and said the goal is to stop the spread as first responders such as firefighters, TSA officers and medical professionals have been infected. One Orange County deputy, who traveled overseas, has tested positive for the virus.

He said officials from local hospitals told him that social norms of gathering together needed to be changed in order to slow down the spread of the virus.

“If we go through the pain of doing this for the next few weeks, we should see positive results,” Demings said. “We know that once testing occurs we’re going to get additional numbers so what we’re trying to do ... is we want to get in front of any kind of surge that negatively impacts the ability of our hospitals to be able to care for all of our community. This is why it’s urgent to take the actions we have taken today.”

Demings pointed out that just a week ago there was only one confirmed case in Orange County. But today there are 50.

“It’s an understatement to say it’s spreading,” Demings said, adding that the order is “for the good” of the county to help get life back to normal as quickly as possible.

The stay-at-home order means non-essential businesses such as movie theaters and shopping malls will close. But residents can still shop at grocery stores, order takeout, visit the doctor or pick up supplies to work from home, Dyer said.

A host of other businesses like hardware stores, gas stations, laundromats, liquor stores, construction sites and repair shops are also allowed to stay open.

“The virus doesn’t spread, we spread the virus,” Dyer said, adding that he believes it’s absolutely the most effective way to contain the outbreak.

Raul Pino, local health officer for the state department of health, said it’s “not too late” to make a difference in the virus’ spread.

Osceola County, just south of Orange, is expected to take up a similar order on Wednesday, officials said. A spokesman for Seminole County said Tuesday the county just north of Orange has no plans to put such an order in place.

That inconsistency drew criticism from some lawmakers.



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“It’s better than nothing, but it’s not going to be as effective as a statewide order,” said state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando. “All you have to do to defy it is drive down the street to a county that doesn’t have a stay-at-home order. It only results in more transmissions of coronavirus.”

Gov. Ron DeSantis has resisted calls for a statewide stay-at-home order from local officials and Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, arguing such a move would be a “blunt instrument” in combating the coronavirus that has infected at least 1,400 people in Florida and caused 18 deaths.

DeSantis has ordered the self-isolation of people who fly to Florida from New York and New Jersey, or have done so in the past three weeks. New York is now the epicenter of the outbreak on American soil. Florida’s surgeon general encouraged anybody over the age of 65 to stay at home for the next two weeks, DeSantis said.

In Tampa, Mayor Jane Castor pushed for a countywide order, and after that was rejected by other officials on Monday, moved forward Tuesday with plans to go about it on her own, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Similar orders are in effect throughout the state, including in **Alachua County** and **Miami Beach**.



1From left, Orange County sheriff John Mina, Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer and Orange County mayor Jerry Demings during the press conference announcing the stay-at-home order for Orange County residents in response to the coronavirus crisis, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. (Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel)(Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel)

City and Orange County officials also announced they will create a “dedicated shelter” to isolate homeless people who have either tested positive for the virus or are awaiting test results but don’t need to be hospitalized.

“If you’re homeless and go to a hospital and are not admitted but told to self-isolate – where do you go?” said Lonnie Bell, director of community and family services for Orange County.

Officials were working out contract details with two local hotels – one for individuals and another for families – but said they would not identify the properties. That program is set to begin Thursday.

Already, a man who had stayed at the Coalition for the Homeless was hospitalized a few days after leaving the facility, and he later tested positive for the virus. He remained hospitalized on Tuesday, officials said.

“We are certainly not forgetting about the most vulnerable among us,” Dyer said.

Nurses and nurse-practitioners will check on the quarantined homeless patients daily.

Meanwhile Tuesday, The Salvation Army Orlando Area Command erected a 5,300-square-foot temporary outdoor emergency shelter for men to allow residents there to maintain recommended social distancing.

Putting a sweeping stay-at-home order in place came together rapidly, though numerous calls and meetings were crucial to it becoming reality.

Dyer said a U.S. Conference of Mayor’s conference call Friday sparked conversations with Tampa and St. Petersburg about taking the action. Dyer then brought up the idea to Demings at Sunday’s news conference, and a later conversation with Daryl Tol, CEO of AdventHealth in Central Florida, drove the point home.

“We had an Orlando Economic Partnership meeting where Daryl Tol really encouraged us to think about doing that and talked really convincingly about how effective that would be,” Dyer said.

Orange County stay-at-home order given, starts Thursday

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Then Demings called a meeting of all mayors countywide, who were unanimous in support; city and county officials crafted the action. When DeSantis said Monday he didn't think a statewide mandate was appropriate, the mayors decided to act.

Winter Park Mayor Steve Leary said support was unanimous on the call, and that he spoke with a Park Avenue restaurateur who did just \$300 in business Saturday, normally one of its busiest days.

"I think it's the right action to take," he said.

Orange County's order comes on the same day President Donald Trump said he wants to "reopen" the country by April 12 to revive an economy crippled by the outbreak.

The two opposing philosophies — a local push to enforce more strict social distancing policies to avoid human spread and a federal effort to ease up on them — spell a divide in how to respond to the unprecedented public health crisis. Total cases in the U.S. surpassed 50,000 with more than 600 deaths.

"This is a health-care crisis and so I listen to the science that they share and the rationale behind it ... to say I think this is the right thing for our community at this time," Demings said. "The sooner we do these types of actions, the sooner we will heal."

On Trump's goal to restart the economy by Easter, Demings said "I hope he's right ... but all of these measures are being put in place to hopefully get our economy back running as soon as possible."

"If miraculously something happens where those numbers end up not increasing daily, then certainly we would take that into consideration ... but the odds are truly not in our favor that that is going to happen."

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Healthcare workers test residents as dozens of vehicles lined up at a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site at Raymond James Stadium site on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in Tampa. Residents that wished to be tested had to be approved and registered online before arriving at the site. [LUIS SANTANA | TIMES | Tampa Bay Times]

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Wednesday marked yet another miserable benchmark in Florida’s battle with coronavirus: The state’s caseload jumped by more than 500 over 24 hours, bringing it to 1,977 as of Wednesday night. Officials also logged two more deaths from the virus, one of them in Pasco County, bringing Tampa Bay’s death toll to two and the state’s to 23.

On Thursday morning, Florida reported there were now more than 2,300 state cases, including the first death in Hillsborough County.

Counties ready ‘safer-at-home’ orders

Pinellas County on Wednesday became the first government in the Tampa Bay area to order residents to stay at home. The “safer at home” directive, approved unanimously by the Pinellas County Commission, will go into effect at 11:27 a.m. Thursday.

It will permit residents to leave their homes for a few tasks: grocery shopping, medical needs, jobs deemed essential and exercise. We’ve got answers to a bunch of your questions about the order, including what constitutes an essential business.

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St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman criticized part of the order that allows non-essential businesses to stay open as long as they follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s social distancing guidelines, but he said he won’t issue a separate city-wide lockdown order.

Meanwhile, after a tumultuous Tuesday marked by a battle between Tampa Mayor Jane Castor and Hillsborough County Administrator Mike Merrill over who could issue a stay-at-home order, officials in Hillsborough agreed Wednesday to draft both a safer-at-home order and a curfew that will keep residents at home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays and all day on weekends. The county’s Emergency Policy Group will vote on those measures at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Hundreds flock to Raymond James testing site

Hundreds of people turned out for the first day of public drive-through coronavirus testing at Tampa’s Raymond James Stadium, but not everyone was able to get tested.

That’s because Hillsborough County, which received testing supplies for just 900 people, will only test people who have called ahead for a screening and meet certain criteria. Some didn’t get the message or didn’t heed it, though: An unknown number of people was turned away.

The site had tested 198 people by the time it closed at 2 p.m. Wednesday. That’s on-target with officials’ plans for it — they’d estimated that about 200 people per day would get tested there until supplies ran out.

Patients were told to expect their test results in 5 to 7 days, though patients who have been tested through other avenues, such as BayCare Health Systems, have had to wait longer as labs are inundated with samples.

The Raymond James site will stay open daily through Saturday, or as long as supplies last. Those who wish to be tested must call (813) 272-5900 to complete a screening.

Evictions get a statewide hold, for now

The “safer-at-home” orders issued or proposed in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties heighten a scary question for vulnerable residents: What if you’re kicked out of your home? In Hillsborough County, there was already an answer in place: Officials have suspended eviction proceedings. But Pinellas County officials haven’t taken up the issue.

On Tuesday night, though, the Florida Supreme Court issued an administrative order suspending the last step of the eviction process. It means that, while most of the eviction process remains in place, residents won’t be removed from their homes — at least through April 17, when the order expires.

What’s a snowbird to do?

It’s that time of year: As the weather warms, snowbirds — the northern residents who head south for the winter — get ready to travel north for the summer. But the spread of coronavirus has forced the mostly older travelers to wonder whether it’s safer to risk the travel or stay put in their winter homes.

The latter is the safest thing to do, experts say. And if people absolutely have to travel, they should do it with as few stops as possible.

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Hillsborough County leaders vote for 'safer-at-home' order to go into effect Friday

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TAMPA, Fla. — Hillsborough County leaders have voted to enact a safer-at-home order this week amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Originally, the Emergency Policy Group had agreed on a safe-at-home directive and a curfew, but language regarding the curfew was taken out, and ultimately a 24/7 safer-at-home order was decided upon.

It is set to go into effect Friday at 10 p.m.

"We made a major accomplishment for the people of this county," said County Commissioner Les Miller.

You can continue to:

- Go to the grocery, convenience or warehouse store
- Go to the pharmacy or other medical establishments to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities
- Go to medical appointments (but first, check with your doctor or medical provider)
- Go to a restaurant for take-out or drive-thru
- Care for or support a friend or family member
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog and be in nature for exercise — just keep at least six (6) feet between you and others in the community
- Walk your pets and, if necessary, take them to the veterinarian
- Help someone to get necessary supplies

You should not:

- Go to work unless you are performing an Essential Service as defined below.
- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need
- Maintain no less than six (6) feet of distance from others when you go out
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or other residential care facility

The county is basing essential services off guidelines from the Department of Homeland Security.

"There's a very very long list if you look at the homeland security guidance. So those companies are important to our economy and they will be held responsible. The managers and CEO's of those essential companies will be held responsible to be sure that first of all, anybody who works for them that can telecommute must telecommute. If that's not possible those that have to work on site must have the protections that they need to stay safe. That will be enforced with fines and penalties. We take this very seriously," said Hillsborough County administrator Mike Merrill.

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"Many jurisdictions have passed [stay-at-home orders] here in the state of Florida. I have personally been on the phone with the mayor of Orlando, mayor of St. Petersburg looking at the jurisdictions along the I-4 corridor," said Mayor Castor.

Earlier in the week, Mayor Jane Castor had planned to enact a stay-at-home order for Tampa after the Emergency Policy Group did not enact one Monday.

Following the announcement of her plan for a safer-at-home policy, the Hillsborough County administrator, who is authorized to carry out the directives from the EPG during a state of emergency, issued a new administrative order confirming no stay-at-home order has been directed.

"We had our differences and we had our armor on but it was time to lay armor aside and extend an olive branch that we could keep everyone every person in this county whether they live in Tampa or plant city or temple terrace or unincorporated Hillsborough county everyone safe. This is a deadly virus that is going on and the first thing we wanted to do is make sure we protect everyone in this county and that was our main objective," said Hillsborough County Commission Chairman Les Miller.

Popular Trailblazer Rubin Padgett Passes After Battle With Cancer

BY GWEN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

Well-known businessman and former politician **Mr. Rubin Eugene Padgett** passed away Saturday afternoon, March 27, 2020, after a battle with cancer. He was 89 years old.

A Tampa native, **Mr. Padgett** was born November 28, 1930. He received his early education in the Hillsborough County School District and attended the University of Chicago and the University of Florida.

Mr. Padgett married **Richedeem Jones** and together they had 6 children (4 boys and 2 girls): **Earl Johnson, James Padgett, Rubin Padgett, Jr., Juanita Padgett-Underwood, Nolan Padgett** and **RaShonda Powe**.

Mr. Padgett was well known in the community for his involvement in the healthcare business, following in the footsteps of his mother, **Mrs. Susie Padgett**, who opened Padgett's Nursing Home.

During his Padgett's Nursing Home career, he was involved in the community as well as his family business. **Mr. Padgett** was



MR. RUBIN E. PADGETT

appointed by **Governor Rubin Askew** for the State License Board of Nursing Home Administrators, and re-appointed by **Governor Bob Graham**, where he served in the Office of Secretary and Office of the Chair-

man of the State Board.

Mr. Padgett served as a Trustee on the Board of Tampa General Hospital and later served as the first African American on the University of South Florida Board of Trustees.

He was elected to the Florida Health Care Association, where he served in the Office of Treasurer and the Office of Vice President.

Recognizing his service in the healthcare community, **Mr. Padgett** was appointed to the Federal Health Care Association under **President Jimmy Carter**. During this time he helped formulate the Federal Bill of Rights for Nursing Home Patients.

In 1978, he was appointed by the Carter Administration to go to Africa on a goodwill trip representing the United States of America.

Mr. Padgett served several years on the Tampa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, initially appointed by **Mayor Dick Greco** as the first African American on the Board; and reappointed by **Mayor Bill Poe**; and in 2008 was re-appointed by **Mayor Pam Iorio**.

The list of 'firsts' for **Mr. Padgett** continues.

He was the first African American elected to the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, serving two full terms; and the first African American elected as Chairman of the Board of

Commissioners. While a commissioner, 3 libraries were built in his District – Thonotosassa, Belmont Heights and Palm River. During his tenure, he also implemented a program that saved the West Tampa Library from closing.

He was the first African American to serve on the Tampa International Airport Authority, where he served as Secretary.

In 2000, **Mr. Padgett** served as CEO/President for 2 years of the Hillsborough County Crisis Center.

He was also a longtime member of the *Florida Sentinel Bulletin* Editorial Board.

The Tampa Housing Authority honored **Mr. Rubin Padgett** by naming a housing complex. The Arbors at Padgett Estate Apartments.

The City of Tampa named a park in Palm Rivers in his honor, the Rubin Padgett Sports Complex.

He has received numerous awards and commendations.

Funeral services are incomplete as we go to press, however the family says the service will be private. Ray Williams Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

THA Notifies Tenants And Landlords That Routine Business Operations Are Suspended Until Further Notice

Executive and Designated Essential Staff Remain Available in Event of Emergency

At the center of The Tampa Housing Authority's (THA) purpose is its commitment to help families and communities. In the face of COVID-19, THA has long recognized that it must strike a reasonable balance between protecting everyone's health and providing the essential services that tenants and other clients need every day.

Now, in compliance with the "Safer in Home" Order enacted by the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group on Friday, March 27, 2020, THA will implement Stage 3 of its Business Plan. To that end, it is implementing services in the following manner:

All Offices are closed indefinitely to Staff, ef-

fective Friday, March 27, 2020. (Previously, the offices had been closed to the public.) These closures extend to all staff and all facilities under THA management.

Executive and Staff designated as essential will be telecommuting and available in an emergency. This will ensure rapid response in the event of an emergency and ensure 24-hour availability as needed. Those contact numbers and emails may be accessed at www.thafl.com.

Additional online service and information will remain available, as well.

For updates on Section 8, vendors, owners and applicants should log on at: <https://portal.thafl.com/default.aspx>.

For families paying rent and/or seeking recertification, log on at <http://tampa-housing.thafl.com/>.

Residents may obtain a registration code by emailing rentcafe@thafl.com.

THA'S PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 WAITING LISTS ARE BOTH CLOSED AT THIS TIME. THA IS, HOWEVER, CONTINUING TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS.

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**A PROCLAMATION OF RESPECT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF COMMISSIONER RUBIN E. PADGETT**

Whereas, Commissioner Rubin E. Padgett served the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa as a distinguished member of its Board of Commissioners for more than 31 years, providing guidance and oversight to the organization and,

Whereas, four (4) former Mayors, Dick Greco, William Poe, Pam Iorio, and Bob Buckhorn all saw fit to appoint him due to his knowledge, experience, passion for people as well as knowing that he would always do what was right and,

Whereas, the kindness, empathy, humor and hospitality of Rubin E. Padgett enhanced the lives of many public housing residents, staff, associates and industry leaders fortunate enough to have come in contact with him and,

Whereas, Rubin E. Padgett will be thought of often, missed and never forgotten for his acts of kindness, generosity, belief in God, love for his family and the Tampa Housing Authority.

Now, therefore be it proclaimed that we recognize the achievements of Rubin E. Padgett, as well as show our love and support to his family, as we remember his life and the lives he touched, knowing that God has called him home for a well deserved rest.

"If a deed however humble, helps you on your way to go, seek the one whose hand has helped you, and tell him so." (Author unknown)

Finally, we ask that God grant his family Strength, Peace, Courage and Love at this most difficult time.

Respectfully submitted this Friday, April 3rd of 2020

James A. Cloar, Tampa Housing Authority Board Chairman
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Board Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa
