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Annual Action Plan Program Year 2023/2024

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Executive Summary



ES-05 Executive Summary

INTRODUCTION

Manatee County, FL has completed the planning process for the 2023/2024 – 2027/2028 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify goals, objectives, and strategies for addressing housing and community development priority needs, including those of the homeless and other special needs populations. The Consolidated Plan guides the use of County resources to address these priority needs over a five-year period. Over the past five-year period, the County received an average annual allocation of approximately $1.8 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, $618,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, and $156,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. This amount totaled approximately $13,103,923 in federal funding from HUD over the previous five-years. This amount does not include the additional CDBG-CV1, CDBG-CV3, HOME-ARP, ESG-CV1, and ESG-CV2 allocations that the county previously received in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. This Five-Year Consolidated Plan will begin on October 1, 2023, and will expire on September 30, 2028.

The Consolidated Plan is developed in a manner specified by HUD, and the County has followed the prescribed format in completing the plan. The Consolidated Plan was developed using HUD and U.S. Census data for demographics and housing, focus group meetings, input from public meetings, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meetings, paper and online survey, and past program performance. During the planning process, the County conducted public meetings with citizens and stakeholders, meetings and consultation with non-profit groups, and a public hearing with the BOCC. The purpose of this process was to receive citizen input on the current housing and community development needs of the County to ensure that this Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a citizen-driven plan.

There are five major areas of focus in the Consolidated Plan: Affordable Housing, Public/Social Services, Homelessness, Community Development/Public Improvements, and Economic Development. The

Consolidated Plan process requires Manatee County to identify priority needs for each area and prepare an Annual Action Plan to address the priority needs. For every priority need, there are goals, objectives and strategies established to measure progress. Citizen input was critical in developing the goals, objectives, and strategies of this Consolidated Plan.

This Consolidated Plan not only presents goals to address the priority needs of the County, but also to address the following statutory goals established by Federal law:

Decent Housing:

- Assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing
- Assist persons at risk of becoming homeless
- Retain affordable housing stock
- Increase the availability of affordable housing in standard condition to low- and moderate-income families, particularly to economically disadvantaged persons (and without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, age, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation)
- Increase the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence
- Provide affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

A Suitable Living Environment:

- Improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods
- Increase access to quality public and private facilities and services.

Expanded Economic Opportunities:

- Job creation and retention for low-income persons
- Availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using nondiscriminatory lending practices
- Empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing.

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies six goals, along with corresponding objectives to address Manatee County housing and community development needs. These goals are summarized as follows:

GOAL 1: Increase Access to Affordable Housing

Improve availability, accessibility, and condition of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income and special needs households throughout Manatee County.

Objective 1:

Increase the supply of affordable housing units.

Objective 2:

Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing stock for low- and moderate-income and special needs households.

Objective 3:

Provide rental and utility assistance to low- and moderate-income and special needs households.

Objective 4:

Assist low- and moderate-income and special needs households to become homeowners.

Objective 5:

Provide Fair Housing outreach and education.

GOAL 2: Reduce Homelessness in Manatee

Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to Manatee County low and moderate-income and special needs populations.

Objective 1:

Provide outreach and supportive services to individuals living in streets.

Objective 2:

Provide short-term and medium-term housing assistance to at-risk populations.

Objective 3:

Expand capacity of homeless shelters to prevent individuals from living in streets.

Objective 4:

Expand supply of transitional and permanent supportive housing to at-risk populations.

GOAL 3: Support Healthcare and Wellbeing Activities for Special Needs Populations

Enhance the living environment of persons of low and moderate income and special needs populations through public improvement activities.

Objective 1:

Provide elderly independent living support services.

Objective 2:

Provide access to health and dental care activities for underinsured individuals.

Objective 3:

Support substance abuse and mental health activities for low- and moderate-income and at-risk populations.

GOAL 4: Provide Access to Supportive Services & Economic Development Opportunities

Support programs that create economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons or within the designated low and moderate-income areas.

Objective 1:

Support programs for youth education, recreation, wellbeing, and protection.

Objective 2:

Enhance access to job readiness and skills training programs for low- and moderate-income individuals, at-risk youth, and individuals exiting the judicial system.

Objective 3:

Support programs that provide social services and transportation to special needs populations including, but not limited to, frail/elderly, at-risk youth, individuals exiting the judicial system, disabled persons, persons living with HIV/AIDS, severe mental illness, and persons with substance abuse.

GOAL 5: Expand Community Development Strategies

Improve public safety conditions for Manatee County citizens in low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 1:

Improve infrastructure conditions and living environments within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 2:

Improve existing, or develop new, public facilities that service both low- and moderate-income areas or special needs populations, or that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Objective 3:

Improve public safety and emergency preparedness within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 4:

Support local businesses in low- and moderate-income areas, and the preservation or restoration of structures of historical significance.

Objective 5:

Eliminate blight within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE

The previous five years have shown significant progress in the County's efforts to implement HUD entitlement programs. The County is in compliance with HUD regulations and continues to deliver housing and community development services in an efficient manner.

The Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department is a Manatee County Department which works to improve the quality of life for County residents through expanded social/public services opportunities and to revitalize areas by providing decent and safe affordable housing. CVS is in charge of implementing the HUD programs.

CVS also offers an array of community development services programs that provide the foundation needed to aid in promoting homeownership and/or sustainable neighborhoods:

- Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation

- Housing Replacement
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Downpayment Assistance
- Homeownership Training Courses
- Emergency Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Homeless Supportive Services
- Park Improvements
- Public Services
- Blight Removal
- Infrastructure Improvements

Additionally, the County has funded projects and activities through the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, as follows:

- Project Smile
- Unfunded Senior Meals
- Allean's Loving Care
- Financial Coaching
- Sunrise Adult Training Center Improvements
- Real Vision Barber Academy Training Facility Improvements
- Temporary Food Assistance/Meals on Wheels
- Habitat for Humanity/Poling Gardens Infrastructure Project
- Samoset Area Infrastructure Improvements
- Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc./Housing Preservation
- Community Coalition on Homelessness – Turning Points
- Affordable Housing Redevelopment/Rehabilitation
- Homeless Prevention, Services, and Shelters
- Homeless Outreach
- Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
- Park Improvements
- Boys and Girls Club
- Library Roof Replacement
- Career Technical Training
- Resurfacing

The County has been successful in implementing these programs in the past and anticipates the continuation of such programs in the future. The County will use CDBG, HOME, ESG, and SHIP funds to make these programs successful and to meet the goals and priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

Manatee County, Florida, is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The Community and Veterans Services Department (CVS) is the internal department that is responsible for the day-to-day administration of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. However, CVS does work with the County Commission, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), County Departments, in addition to residents, contractors and non-profit sub-recipients to develop a meaningful document.

The development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was based on the previous Consolidated Plan and numerous other studies, plans and reports that have been prepared in recent years. Some of the primary documents included the County's Local Housing Incentives Strategy and Local Housing Assistance Plan, and the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Report and Annual Homeless Assessment reports, and the 2017 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), among others.

To maximize citizen participation, staff along with the County's procured consultant (Wade Trim, Inc.) conducted outreach through:

- Several public notices;
- Community Survey (English and Spanish versions);
- Six public meetings; and
- Two public hearings.

As part of these efforts, low- and moderate-income residents, as well as service providers, were encouraged to provide input on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Details of these efforts can be found in **Table 4**.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Although there are many issues that the public felt were important, there are a few items that were stressed throughout the public meetings as being of the highest priority as identified in the priority needs section in the Strategic Plan of this report. Based on input and data received through an extensive citizen participation process, the following summarizes the public comments:

- Increase Supply of Affordable Housing
- Quality of Housing
- Expand Access to Housing Programs and Rental Assistance
- Homeless Shelter Development
- Transitional and Permanent supportive Housing Development
- Homeless Prevention and Supportive Services
- Fair Housing
- Public Facilities Improvements
- Youth Centers and Programs
- Senior/Elderly Facilities and Services
- Road Resurfacing/Construction
- Sidewalk Improvements
- Drainage Improvements
- Street Lighting
- Affordable Child Care Services
- Employment Training
- Elimination of Slum and Blight

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS OR VIEWS NOT ACCEPTED AND THE REASONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING THEM

All comments received by Manatee County were considered and are, generally or specifically, addressed by the Strategic Plan and/or Annual Action Plan. Documentation of all comments received is included as an appendix (PDF format) to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan submittal.

SUMMARY

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for years 2023/2024 – 2027/2028 identifies goals, objectives, and strategies to address the County's housing and community development priority needs. These needs were identified through an extensive citizen participation process that involved neighborhood residents, service providers and other community partners. The Consolidated Plan guides the County's use of HUD resources through five goals. These goals are summarized as: Affordable Housing, Public/Social Services, Homelessness, Community Development/Public Improvements, and Economic Development. Over the next five years, Manatee County will continue to deliver housing and community development services through housing programs, public works, as well as through partnerships with an array of public service providers.

The Process





PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies

AGENCY/ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING/ADMINISTERING THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

TABLE 1: RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Manatee County, Florida	Community and Veterans Services Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

NARRATIVE

Manatee County, Florida, is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. CVS is the internal department that is responsible for the day-to-day administration of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. However, the CVS department does work with both the County Commission and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) in addition to residents and sub-recipients to develop a meaningful document.

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To maximize citizen participation, staff along with the County's procured consultant (Wade Trim, Inc.) conducted outreach through a series of public notices, surveys, meetings, and hearings. As part of these efforts, low- and moderate-income residents, as well as service providers, were encouraged to provide input on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION

Inquiries, comments, or complaints concerning the Plan, any amendments, or performance reports, can be conveyed by contacting County staff at:

Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department

1112 Manatee Avenue West

Bradenton, FL 34205

Telephone: (941) 748-4501, ext. 1266

Julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

Business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Written complaints may also be made to the Jacksonville Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development Division

400 West Bay St., Ste. 1015

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Phone: (904) 232-2627

Fax: (904) 232-3759

Business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

PR-10 Consultation

SUMMARY OF THE JURISDICTION'S ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE COORDINATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING PROVIDERS AND PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SERVICE AGENCIES

The CVS Community Development Division maintains a mailing list with of 130+ agencies/and or individuals that are kept updated on Community Development funding, collaboration, and other opportunities. Community Development works closely with another CVS Division called Neighborhood Connections to better connect with County residents through their established network of 200+ neighborhood groups and local leader, as well 50,000+ resident mailing subscriptions through Next Door. The County's Information Outreach Team also promoted advertisement of the Community Survey created as another avenue for public participation in the County's website and social media, with a documented 64-person outreach.

Institutional coordination of the Consolidated Plan establishes a unified vision for community development. The County uses a collaborative process to shape various programs into effective, coordinated strategies. This process also facilitates the opportunity for planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, attempting to reduce duplication of effort at the local level.

The County will implement this Consolidated Plan in coordination with public, private, and non-profit agencies. Non-profit agencies may include, but are not limited to, service providers and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Private sector partners may include, but are not limited to, local financial institutions, developers, and local businesses. The County works closely with its partners to design programs that address identified needs.

Table 2 outlines the types of agencies and organizations consulted throughout the program year and during the development of the Manatee County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Organizations consulted included various service providers, CHDOs, Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA), Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, County Departments, the AHAC, and the County Commission, among others.

DESCRIBE COORDINATION WITH THE CONTINUUM OF CARE AND EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS (PARTICULARLY CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH) AND PERSONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

The County coordinated with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness through its most recent PIT and Homeless Assessment reports and with residents through community meetings. This consultation was pivotal in preparing the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan components of the Consolidated Plan. In addition, through consultation and review of recent and previous Public Housing Authority Plans and other HUD reports, the MCHA also provided pivotal input in preparing the Consolidated Plan.

Through the public participation process, the County conducted several meetings to gain input from the public. Invitations were sent to the CoC in addition to several agencies that provide services to the homeless population.

DESCRIBE CONSULTATION WITH THE CONTINUUM(S) OF CARE THAT SERVES THE JURISDICTION'S AREA IN DETERMINING HOW TO ALLOCATE ESG FUNDS, DEVELOP PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND EVALUATE OUTCOMES, AND DEVELOP FUNDING, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HMIS.

Manatee County receives and administers an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the regional Continuum of Care (CoC), which is comprised of ten board members and 13 staff persons that work together to identify concerns and make policies and recommendations on homeless issues. The mission of the Suncoast Partnership is to prevent and end homelessness in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The Suncoast Partnership envisions a community where everyone has the opportunity to have a home.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, as the lead agency for the area's CoC, utilizes the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data, Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Report, and other documents including the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness to inform the allocation of funds, develop policies and procedures, and evaluate outcomes annually. Consultation with the CoC for the Consolidated Plan included research of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness annual reports and plans, as well as input from community meetings, public hearings, and notices.

Annually, Manatee County enters into a funding agreement with Turning Points, who coordinates with the CoC to appropriately allocate and administer ESG funds. The County aims to leverage these ESG

dollars with the CoC which already receives grant dollars from the State of Florida. By leveraging funds, the County can ensure that the ESG funds make the most positive impact possible.

TABLE 2: AGENCIES, GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS AND CONSULTATIONS

Agency/Group/ Organization	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness	Continuum of Care/ Services-Homeless	Homeless Needs/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings, Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need, Referrals
Bay Pines	Health Agency - Veterans	Goals and CPD Strategic Plan	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings for AFH, Identification of Need, Referrals
Career Source	Services - Employment	AFH Goals and CPD Strategic Plan	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings for AFH, Identification of Need, Referrals
HOPE Family Services	Services – Victims of Domestic Violence	Goals and CPD Strategic Plan	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings for AFH, Identification of Need, Referrals
Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast (JFCS)	Services – Children and Families	Goals and CPD Strategic Plan	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings for AFH, Identification of Need, Referrals
Centerstone	Health Agency	Goals and CPD Strategic Plan	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings for AFH, Identification of Need, Referrals
Manatee County Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing Needs/ Market Analysis	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings, Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need, Referrals
Manatee County, Departments	Other (County Departments)/ Grantee Department	Housing Needs Assessment/ Market Analysis/ Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Administration/CVS/Public Works/Property Management/ Neigh. Services/Planning & Zoning/Public Safety/Parks & Natural Resources, Identification of Need

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Manatee County, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)	Other (Advisory Board)	All	Noticed for Focus Group Meetings, AHAC Meetings
Manatee County, County Commission	Elected Officials	All	Noticed for Community Outreach Meetings, Work Sessions, Public Hearings, Confirmation of Strategy
Habitat for Humanity	Housing	Housing Needs Assessment	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
AM & FM Enterprises	Services – Health/ Elderly Persons	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Services – Homeless	Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Catholic Charities	Services – Homeless	Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Meals on Wheels	Services – Elderly Persons	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
The Salvation Army	Services – Homeless	Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Turning Points	Services – Homeless	Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)	Services – Victims of Domestic Violence	Non-Homeless Special needs	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Safe Children Coalition, Schoolhouse Link Program	Services – Children; Services – Education; Non-profit	Market Analysis; Priority Needs	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
CAN Community Health	Services – Health; Services – Persons with HIV/AIDS	Market Analysis; Priority Needs	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Sarasota County	Government - County	All	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need

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Second Heart Homes, Inc.	Services – Homeless; Services – Housing; Services – Health	Non-Homeless Special Needs/Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Gulf Coast Community Foundation	Services – Health; Services – Education; Civic Leaders; Foundation	Non-Homeless Special Needs/Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis/Economic Development	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
North Port Police Department	Other: Police Department	Non-Homeless Special Needs/Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
AlongSide U	Services – Employment; Services – Education; Services – Housing; Services – Narrowing the Digital Divide	Housing Needs Assessment/Public Housing Needs/Non-Homeless Special Needs/Anti-Poverty Strategy	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center	Neighborhood Organization; Civic Leaders	Housing Needs Assessment/Public Housing Needs/Non-Homeless Special Needs/Anti-Poverty Strategy	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need
Family Promise of South Sarasota County	Services – Homeless; Other: Basic Needs Assistance	Homeless Needs (All)/ Homelessness Strategy/ Market Analysis	Attended Focus Group Meetings, Identification of Need

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

IDENTIFY ANY AGENCY TYPES NOT CONSULTED AND PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR NOT CONSULTING

Manatee County consulted with the lead agency for the CoC, local and county PHAs, affordable housing providers, various social service providers, including broadband service providers (indirect consultation through reports), County departments, and civic leaders. Additionally, the public, including but not limited to low- and moderate-income residents, residents within the County's Racially and Ethnically

Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP), and other entities impacted by housing and community development activities, were noticed of community meetings by email, website, and posters, and public hearings by newspaper advertisements.

DESCRIBE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE STATE AND ANY ADJACENT UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN (91.215(L))

Many of the programs and activities that will be carried out by the County during the program years will involve coordination with several agencies and organizations. At a minimum, implicit in these goals is the County's commitment to providing coordinated community, housing, and supportive services to its lower income residents. These services are provided through partnerships with government and quasi-government agencies, as well as respective planning efforts shown in **Table 3**. Manatee County will continue to encourage building partnerships between governments, lenders, builders, developers, real estate professionals, and advocates for low-income persons. Manatee County will continue to work with the building industry, banking industry, real estate industry, social service providers and other community groups to promote the development of affordable housing and related housing services.

TABLE 3: OTHER CONSULTATIONS & COORDINATION

Organization/Agency	Lead Organization	How do the goals of this Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Incentives Strategy and Local Housing Assistance Plan	Manatee County/ State of Florida	Housing
Continuum of Care	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness	Homelessness

Table 3 – Other Consultations & Coordination

PR-15 Citizen Participation

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS/EFFORTS MADE TO BROADEN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The development of the Consolidated Plan requires extensive citizen participation. For the 2023/2024 – 2027/2028 Consolidated Plan, Manatee County underwent an in-depth citizen participation process. HUD requires local jurisdictions to provide for citizen participation which encourages the development

of the Consolidated Plan in cooperation with residents from every walk of life. In particular, HUD believes it is important to obtain the views of residents who live in low- and moderate- income areas, as well as service providers who deliver services to low-income and special needs residents.

The following section describes the public participation process that was completed for Manatee County in preparation of the 2023/2024 – 2027/2028 Consolidated Plan Document (CPD). In addition, Manatee County has included public outreach that was conducted during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process. A summary of the public participation process is shown in **Table 4**.

TABLE 4: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OUTREACH

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL if applicable
Continuum of Care Regular Meeting	Other: Service Providers	February 15, 2023 / 47 attendants	Comments centered around the need for affordable housing stock, additional shelters for homeless families and young persons, supportive health services, and urgent needs for those displaced by Hurricane Ian.	All comments are addressed within Plan.	N/A
Public Hearing #1/Grant Application Workshop	Other: Service Providers	February 23, 2023 / 55 attendants	Comments related to homelessness, food security, housing for persons with disability (especially permanent supportive housing), wrap-around services, home repair, and agency coordination.	All comments are addressed within Plan.	N/A
PATH Meeting	Other: Service Providers	March 16, 2023 / 25 attendants	Comments centered around the need for affordable housing stock, additional shelters for homeless families and young persons, and supportive services.	All comments are addressed within Plan.	N/A
AHAC Meeting	Affordable Housing Advisory Committee	March 20, 2023 / 46 attendants	No comments received.	Not applicable.	N/A
Town Hall with County Commissioner	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	March 22, 2023 / 80 + attendants	One comment was received related to the public parks and facilities infrastructure.	All comments are addressed within Plan.	N/A
Community Survey	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	227 Respondents	No comments received.	Not applicable.	N/A
E-mail Listing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	No responses received.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	N/A

TABLE 4: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OUTREACH

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL if applicable
Social Media	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	No responses received.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	www.facebook.com/manatee.county.fl/
Internet Outreach	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	64 interactions	No comments received.	Not applicable.	www.mymanatee.org
BCC Work Session	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	March 21, 2023	No comments received.	Not applicable.	N/A
30-Day Public Comment Period	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	June 26, 2023 – July 25, 2023	One comment received in support of the plan and indicated other information not relevant to this effort. All comments included in appendix.	All comments are addressed within Plan.	www.mymanatee.org
Public Hearing #2 – BCC Regular Meeting	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	July 25, 2023 (Adoption)	No comments received.	Not applicable.	N/A

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

SUMMARIZE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND HOW IT IMPACTED GOAL-SETTING

Comments and concerns raised during the citizen participation process and outreach were taken into consideration when developing the Consolidated Plan's goals, objectives, and strategies. The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process that involves interviews with stakeholders and meetings with the public to determine areas of need. As part of this process, the County sought to identify the priority needs and strategies to address those needs. Priority needs were identified based on available housing data, public input, service provider meetings, community surveys, and past program performance. In addition, CVS staff consulted with various County Departments to identify priority needs and develop corresponding strategies. Complete summaries and minutes of the meetings are included in the Appendix to this document.

Housing Strategy

Housing strategies were determined by using housing data provided by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. Customized HUD data is available to help communities evaluate housing and homeless needs. Complete summaries of this data are available in the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis section.

In addition, the County has a long and successful history of administering numerous housing programs and meeting housing needs. Several housing programs, particularly housing rehabilitation activities, have been underway for many years and provide good value to the community. In general, housing programs receive emphasis in Manatee County due to the large, ongoing need for housing services. This remains true as assistance from the COVID-19 pandemic comes to a close and as inflation and the housing market costs are on the rise.

Social/Public Service Strategy

Social/Public Service strategies were developed in several ways. First, the County consulted the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness annual PIT and homeless assessment reports to obtain the latest counts of the homeless population. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the lead agency for homeless services and represents agencies that implement homeless services. The County also utilized data from HUD that details homelessness and homeless service providers, including the Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC housing inventories. Finally, input from other service providers, stakeholders, and citizens through community meetings, community surveys, meetings with CVS staff proved most helpful in crafting the Social/Public Service strategy.

Community Development/Public Improvements Strategy

Community Development/Public Improvements strategies were determined through community meetings, community surveys, meetings with CVS staff, and review of current planning activities. The County is working to leverage other planning efforts with funding opportunities where possible.

In addition, a focus group meeting was held with internal department leads and staff to discuss priority needs of various County Departments. To the extent possible, the CVS will plan to leverage County resources and efforts.

Economic Development Strategy

Economic Development Needs were determined through community meetings, community surveys, and consultation with service providers. As with the social/public service and housing topics, HUD and the U.S. Census provide data on various economic development items. In addition, information collected from citizens, stakeholders, and service providers that are knowledgeable about economic development and could provide valuable information through the participation process.

Needs Assessment





NA-05 Overview

NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The Needs Assessment section of the Consolidated Plan identifies Manatee County's community-wide housing and community development needs. Data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) database and the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) database are referenced in this section. Additionally, this section is supported with data from the local Public Housing Authority and other documentation from Manatee County and its partners.

The Needs Assessment section evaluates the demand for housing and community development assistance by the following income groups based on Area Median Income (AMI):

- Extremely Low-Income (60% of the Section 8 Very low-income Limits)
- Very low-income (30%-50% AMI)
- Low-Income (50%-80% AMI)

AMI is based on the 2023 HUD Income Limits Documentation System, which is outlined in **Table 5(A).**

TABLE 5(A): 2023 HUD INCOME LIMITS

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
Manatee County	$98,700	Extremely Low (*)	$19,200	$21,950	$24,860	$30,000	$35,140	$40,280	$45,420	$50,560
		Very Low (50%)	$32,000	$36,600	$41,150	$45,700	$49,400	$53,050	$56,700	$60,350
		Low (80%)	$51,200	$58,500	$65,800	$73,100	$78,950	$84,800	$90,650	$96,500

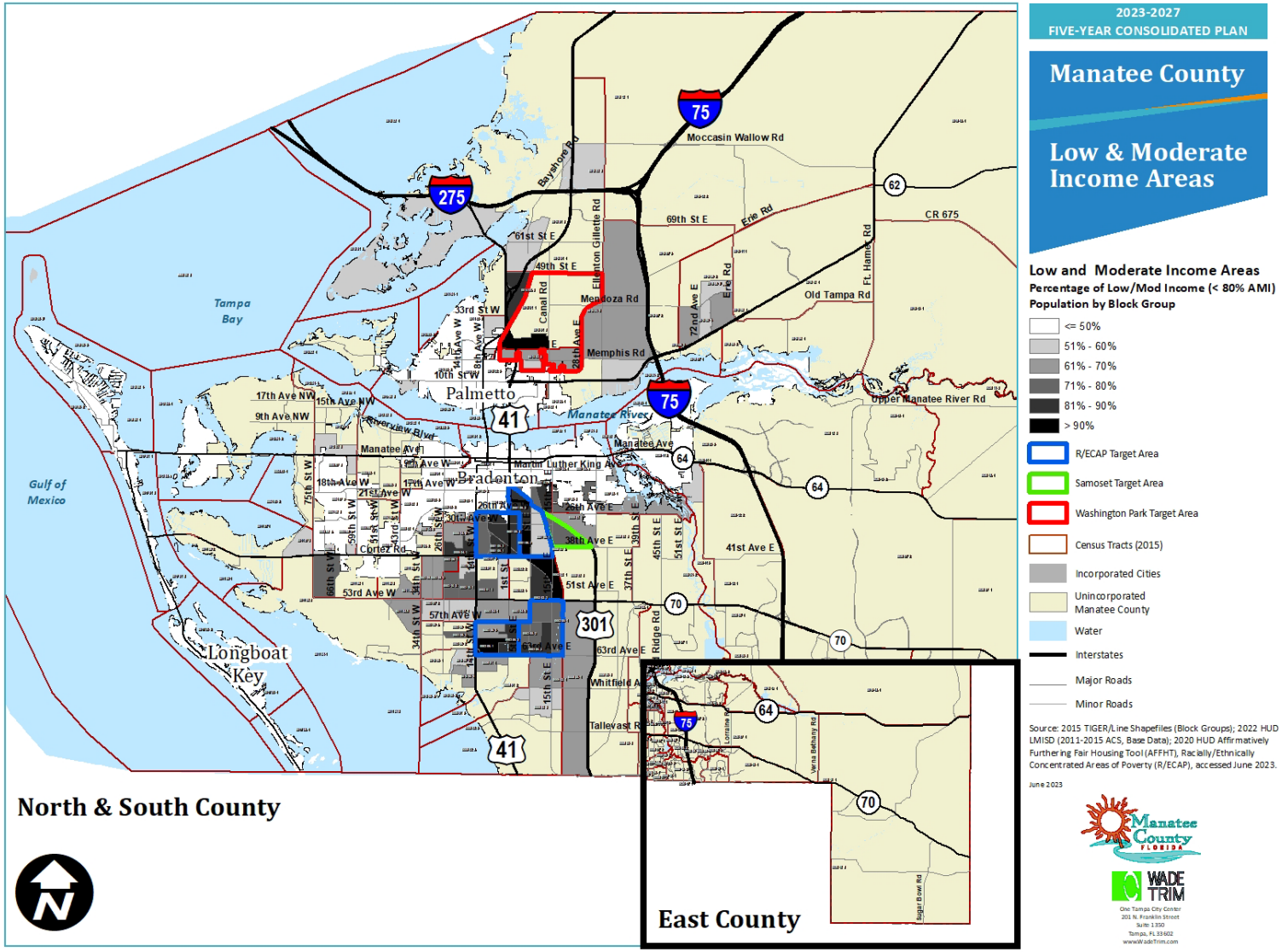
*2023 HUD Income Limits Documentation System (Accessed January 2023); *Calculated as 30/50ths (60%) of the Section 8 very low-income limits*

Table 5(A) – 2023 HUD Income Limits

For Manatee County, the threshold for a block group to be considered low- or moderate-income is 51.00%. **Map 1** shows the 2010 Census Block Groups where 51% or more of the population falls within the low- or moderate- income limit categories. Sixty-six (66) block groups have a population that is majority low- and moderate-income.

According to HUD FY2022 Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD), there are approximately 132,290 persons of low- or moderate- income within the jurisdiction as whole, which represents 41.9% of Manatee County's estimated population (315,345), according to the FY2022 LMISD.

MAP 1 – Low- and Moderate-Income Areas



NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment

SUMMARY OF HOUSING NEEDS

The data in the Housing Needs Assessment subsection provides the estimated number and type of households in need of housing assistance by income level, tenure type (owner or renter), household type, and housing problem (cost burdened, severely cost burdened, substandard housing, overcrowding, or geographic concentration of racial/ethnic groups). This section also integrates the needs identified during consultation and public outreach and describes the characteristics of Manatee County's households and housing stock.

The Housing Needs Assessment includes the following sections:

1. Summary of Housing Needs
2. Demographics
3. Number of Households
4. Housing Problems 1
5. Housing Problems 2
6. Cost Burden > 30%
7. Cost Burden > 50%
8. Crowding Table (More than One Person Per Room)
9. Additional Housing Needs Narrative

Demographics

Table 5(B) displays the population, number of households, and median income for the base year and most recent year, and the percentage of change over time. This data shows a dramatic nearly 50% increase in population from 264,002 people in the year 2000 to 394,824 people estimated by the 2017-2021 ACS. Concurrently, the number of households increased 38.9% from 112,460 households in the year 2000 to 156,254 households estimated by the 2017-2021 ACS. Median income also experienced a drastic increase of 76.3% from $38,673 in the year 2000 to $68,172 estimated by the 2017-2021 ACS. This significant shift in estimated incomes may be reflective of the inflation experienced by households across the United States after the COVID-19 pandemic.

TABLE 5(B): HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Base Year	Most Recent Year	
	2000 Census	2017-2021 ACS	Percent Change
Population	264,002	394,824	49.5%
Households	112,460	156,254	38.9%
Median Income	$38,673	$68,172	76.3%

Data Source: 2020 Census; 2017-2021 ACS

Table 5(B) – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND TYPES

Table 6 shows the number and type of households by HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI). The default data source is the 2013-2017 CHAS database, developed by HUD.

The highest number of households is in the greater than 100% HAMFI group with 60,575 households. The second highest is the >50-80% HAMFI group (19,465). Over 10,000 households (11,230) or approximately 9.5% of all households in Manatee County earn below 30% of HAMFI. This is an improvement from the previous consolidated plan, which estimated that about 19% of all households in Manatee County earned below 30% of HAMFI.

Small family households are households that have a family with two to four members. The highest number of small family households is within the >100% HAMFI group (25,140). The second-highest number of small family households is within the >50-80% HAMFI group (5,308). Over 2,500 households (2,528) or approximately 6% of small family households in Manatee County earn below 30% of HAMFI.

Large family households are households that have a family of five or more members. Again, the highest number of large family households is within the >100% HAMFI group (3,288). The second-highest number of large family households is within the >50-80% HAMFI group (1,184). There are 608 households, or approximately 9% of large family households, in Manatee County that earn below 30% of HAMFI.

Table 6 also provides data on households that contain at least one person considered to be elderly. The data suggest that among income groups, the largest number of households with a person 62-74 years of age is within the >100% HAMFI income group (20,640). The largest number of households with a person

75 years or older is also within the >100% HAMFI income group (8,968). About 5,553 households contain at least one person 62 years or older and earn below 30% of HAMFI. In total, 60,029 households contain at least one person 62 years of age or older, which represents an increase of 19.5% in elderly population since estimates from 2008-2012 CHAS data.

Finally, data provided **Table 6** shows the number of households with one or more children 6 years old or younger. Among the household income groups identified, the highest number of households with children 6 years or younger is within the 100% HAMFI income category (5,410). The second highest number of households with children 6 years old or younger is within the >50-80% HAMFI group (2,272). Approximately 1,344 households have at least one child 6 years old or younger and earn below 30% of HAMFI. In total, 12,198 households have at least one child 6 years old or younger.

TABLE 6: TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS TABLE

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	11,230	13,940	19,465	11,890	60,575
Small Family Households *	2,528	3,290	5,308	3,894	25,140
Large Family Households *	608	745	1,184	719	3,288
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	3,403	3,865	5,970	3,544	20,640
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	2,150	4,109	4,792	2,588	8,968
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	1,344	1,743	2,272	1,429	5,410

** The highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI*

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 6 – Total Households Table

HOUSING NEEDS SUMMARY TABLES FOR SEVERAL TYPES OF HOUSING PROBLEMS

Housing Problems 1

Table 7 displays the number of households with housing problems by tenure and HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI) according to the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As defined by HUD, housing problems include:

- Substandard housing lacking complete plumbing facilities

- Substandard housing lacking complete kitchen facilities
- Overcrowded households with 1.01 to 1.5 people per room, excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms
- Households with housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

As shown in **Table 7**, among the "housing problem" categories, households within Manatee County are most commonly impacted by severe housing cost burden (greater than 50% of income) and housing cost burden (greater than 30% of income).

The first housing problem, substandard housing, is defined as a household without hot and cold piped water, a flush toilet and a bathtub or shower, and kitchen facilities that lack a sink with piped water, a range or stove, or a refrigerator. There are 293 renter households and 138 owner households that live in substandard housing.

The second housing problem identified is households living in overcrowded conditions. There are two forms of overcrowding defined by HUD and identified in **Table 7**:

1. Severely overcrowded is defined as a household having complete kitchens and bathrooms but housing more than 1.51 persons per room excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms.
2. Overcrowded is defined as a household having complete kitchens and bathrooms but housing more than 1.01 to 1.5 persons per room excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms

As shown in **Table 7**, 1,263 renter households are experiencing some form of overcrowding while 526 owner-occupied households are experiencing some form of overcrowding.

Another housing problem identified is cost burden. Cost burden is a fraction of a household's total gross income spent on housing costs. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities. For owners, housing costs include mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, and utilities. Cost burden is broken into two categories based on severity:

- Severe housing cost burden greater than 50% of income
- Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

As shown in **Table 7**, approximately 3,143 renter households within the 0-30% AMI group are experiencing severe cost burden (>50% of income). In total, among all income groups, 13,042 renters have a cost burden greater than 30% of income and 15,252 owners have a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Approximately 8,000 owner households (7,902) have a cost burden greater than 50% of income and about 6,537 renter households have a cost burden greater than 50% of income.

Overall, 13,855 households in Manatee County are experiencing a cost burden >30%-50% of income and 14,439 households are experiencing a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Owners appear to be more affected by the cost of housing within the Manatee County. Of the 28,294 households experiencing a cost burden of some kind, 13,042 (46.1%) are renters and 15,252 (53.9%) are owners.

The final category is “zero/negative income (and none of the above problems”. Zero/Negative income is defined as household whose net income is zero or in the negative. Approximately 709 renter households and 1,224 owner households are experiencing zero/negative income.

TABLE 7: HOUSING PROBLEMS TABLE (HOUSEHOLDS WITH ONE OF THE LISTED NEEDS)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	63	150	45	35	293	29	45	44	20	138
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	60	59	55	45	219	0	34	45	34	113
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	440	210	259	135	1,044	70	94	174	75	413
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	3,143	2,630	744	20	6,537	2,984	2,380	1,900	638	7,902
Housing cost burden > 30%-50% of income (and none of the above problems)	309	1,994	3,080	1,122	6,505	860	2,029	29,83	1,478	7,350
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	709	0	0	0	709	1,224	0	0	0	1,224

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Housing Problems 2

Table 8 displays the number of households with no housing problems, one or more housing problems, and negative income by tenure and HUD Area Median Income (AMI). The Default Data Source is the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As the data reveals in **Table 8**, renters in the 0-30% AMI group experience the highest occurrence of one or more of the four housing problems when compared to other income groups. Approximately 3,709 renter households in the 0-30% AMI group have one or more of the four housing problems. In slight contrast, a total of 3,084 renter households below 30% AMI experience some form of housing problem. Additionally, 709 renter households and 1,1224 owner households within the 0-30% AMI group have negative income but none of the other four identified housing problems.

TABLE 8: HOUSING PROBLEMS 2 (HOUSEHOLDS WITH ONE OR MORE SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS: LACKS KITCHEN OR COMPLETE PLUMBING, SEVERE OVERCROWDING, SEVERE COST BURDEN)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	3,709	3,055	1,104	235	8,103	3,084	2,565	2,175	769	8,593
Having none of four housing problems	749	2,649	4,860	3,174	11,432	1,744	5,670	11,350	7,720	26,484
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	709	0	0	0	709	1,224	0	0	0	1,224

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Cost Burden > 30% and > 50%

Tables 9 and **10** display the number of households with housing cost burdens greater than 30% of income and greater than 50% of income, respectively, by household type, tenure, and household income (expressed as a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)). The Default Data Source is the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

Households are broken into four categories:

- Small related – Family households with two to four related members
- Large related – Family households with five or more related members
- Elderly – A household whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age
- Other – All other households

As shown in **Table 9**, "Elderly" households are experiencing the highest degree of housing cost burden greater than 30% of income. Approximately 11,130 "Elderly" owner households have a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Most of these are owners (8,244). Small Related" households are also experiencing a high degree of housing cost burden greater than 30% of income. Approximately 7,673 "Small Related" households have a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Most of these are renters (4,837). Additional households with a cost burden greater than 30% of income include 5,697 "Other" households. Comparatively, "Large Related" households have the lowest degree of cost burden (1,524).

For renter households, the >30% - 50% AMI Income group has the most households (4,895) with a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Among owner households, the >50 - 80% AMI group also has the most households (4,942) with a cost burden greater than 30% of income.

TABLE 9: COST BURDEN > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Small Related	1,245	1,885	1,707	4,837	714	733	1,389	2,836
Large Related	474	404	334	1,212	19	109	184	312
Elderly	913	1,429	544	2,886	2,433	3,115	2,696	8,244
Other	1,314	1,177	1,329	3,820	689	515	673	1,877
Total need by income	3,946	4,895	3,914	12,755	3,855	4,472	4,942	13,269

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

As shown in **Table 10**, when compared to other types of households, more "Elderly" households are experiencing severe cost burden greater than 50% of income. Approximately 6,482 "Elderly" households

experience a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Most of these are owners (4,541). Additionally, 4,071 “Small Related” households and 3,212 “Other” households have a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Comparatively, 602 “Large Related” households have the lowest degree of cost burden.

For renter households, the 0% - 30% AMI income group has the most households (3,532) with a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Among owner households, the 0-30% AMI group has the most households (3,012) with a cost burden greater than 50% of income.

TABLE 10: COST BURDEN > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Small Related	1,155	1,025	343	2,523	625	434	489	1,548
Large Related	344	75	69	488	15	59	40	114
Elderly	809	977	155	1,941	1,813	1,570	1,158	4,541
Other	1,224	663	200	2,087	559	347	219	1,125
Total need by income	3,532	2,740	767	7,039	3,012	2,410	1,906	7,328

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Crowding

Table 11 displays the number of households that are overcrowded, defined as households with more than one person per room, excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms. The data is displayed by household type, tenure, and household income (expressed as a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)). The Default Data Source is 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As shown in **Table 11**, overcrowding is most prevalent in single family, renter households. Approximately 1,124 single family renter households experience overcrowding compared to only 377 single family owner households. When accounting for income, very low-income (0-30% AMI) renter households and moderate-income owner households (50-80% AMI) experience the highest number of crowded households, with 500 and 218 households respectively.

TABLE 11: CROWDING INFORMATION (MORE THAN ONE PERSON PER ROOM)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Single family households	430	245	304	145	1,124	10	124	154	89	377
Multiple, unrelated family households	70	23	10	20	123	60	10	49	10	129
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	20	20	0	4	15	10	29
Total need by income	500	268	314	185	1,267	70	138	218	109	535

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 11 – Crowding Information

DESCRIBE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF SINGLE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

A significant housing cost burden is associated with an increased risk of homelessness. Non-homeless elderly owner and small-related renter households have a significant cost burden when compared to other household types. Additionally, there are a number of "Other" households which may be comprised of single persons in Manatee County. According to the 2013-2017 CHAS, a significant number of households in the 0-30% AMI group experience cost burden, crowding, or housing problems. This is a trend in both owner and renter households.

According to a recent homeless census, or annual point-in-time (PIT) survey conducted on January 24, 2022, there were 1,138 homeless counted within the Continuum of Care of which 952 were in households with only adults. The data does not report how many of these people are specifically living in Manatee County; however, Manatee County makes up approximately 48% of the population in the Continuum of Care region, according to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Based on this percentage, it can be assumed that there are about 545 homeless individuals living within Manatee County alone. Therefore, it is estimated that about 456 homeless adults need housing in Manatee County (based on the 83% for the regional population).

ESTIMATE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF FAMILIES IN NEED OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE WHO ARE DISABLED OR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING.

According to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates (the most recent dataset for which disability status is available), approximately 56,041 people or 14.3% of the population in Manatee County is estimated to have a disability. While about 18.1% of the population between 18 and 64 years of age are disabled (21,021), a high proportion (60%) of persons 65 years and over are disabled (30,951). These elderly populations are also likely to live on reduced income and experience housing cost burden. According to Florida's Uniform Crime Reports Domestic Violence data collection, there were 2,343 reported incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and related incidents in Manatee County (updated as of September 2022). This represents a rate of approximately 581 domestic violence incidents per 100,000 people annually. It should be noted that this number is also likely an undercount, as many crimes of this nature may go unreported.

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON HOUSING PROBLEMS?

By far, the most common housing problem in Manatee County is cost burden, for both renter and owner households. In Manatee County, substandard housing (lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities) is similarly a problem for both owner and renter households. Overcrowded housing (1.01-1.5 people per room) is more problematic for renter households as is severely overcrowded housing (more than 1.5 people per room).

ARE ANY POPULATIONS/HOUSEHOLD TYPES MORE AFFECTED THAN OTHERS BY THESE PROBLEMS?

Households earning less than 80% AMI are experiencing higher rates of housing problems than households with higher incomes. More owners are experiencing cost burden than renters. This is attributed to the high proportion of elderly owner households across all income categories that are experiencing cost burdens where cost burdens are greater than both 30% and 50% of income. Small, related renter households and Elderly owner household types experience the most cost burdens where cost burdens are greater than both 30% and 50% of income. Substandard and overcrowded housing is more common among renters earning less than 30% AMI and owners earning between 50% AMI and 80% AMI. Single family households are more affected by crowding than households with multiple, unrelated members or other non-family households.

DESCRIBE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN (ESPECIALLY EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME) WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED BUT ARE AT IMMINENT RISK OF EITHER RESIDING IN SHELTERS OR BECOMING UNSHELTERED 91.205(C)/91.305(C)). ALSO DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF FORMERLY HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND ARE NEARING THE TERMINATION OF THAT ASSISTANCE

Those at imminent risk of homelessness or nearing termination of assistance are in need of additional resources similar to those of already homeless individuals, including other housing assistance and references from non-profits and housing providers, self-sufficiency training and case management, access to healthcare and mental health counseling, job training, and legal guidance.

IF A JURISDICTION PROVIDES ESTIMATES OF THE AT-RISK POPULATION(S), IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF THE AT-RISK GROUP AND THE METHODOLOGY USED TO GENERATE THE ESTIMATES.

Not applicable.

SPECIFY PARTICULAR HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS THAT HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH INSTABILITY AND AN INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

A recent homeless census for Manatee County, or annual point-in-time (PIT) survey, was conducted on January 24, 2022, for the Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties Continuum of Care. The total number of homeless people in Manatee County officially reported during the annual PIT survey was 594, according to data received by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness for Manatee County alone. When non-typical homeless responses from street survey, jail, and school data are considered, the total number of homeless or persons at risk of becoming homeless may be higher. Of the 594 homeless persons officially counted, 495 persons were in households with only adults, 0 were in households of only children, and 99 were in households with at least one adult and one child. There were 18 individuals counted that are considered unaccompanied youth ages 18-24 years. There were 60 were homeless veterans and two persons reported having HIV/AIDS.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to follow-up with much needed services and support. Data is not available for those that are chronically homeless in Manatee County alone; however, about 22% of the homeless population counted in the CoC 2022 PIT count are considered chronically homeless. It can be assumed that Manatee County has a similar percentage of chronically homeless persons (having been homeless at least four times in the past

three years). Some of those surveyed had a serious mental illness (43 persons or about 7%) or a substance abuse disorder (25 or 4%). Approximately 33 or over 5% of those surveyed were victims of domestic violence.

DISCUSSION

The population and number of households living in Manatee County has increased dramatically over the last 20 years (38.9%). The median income has also increased during this period (76.3%). Over a third (31.5%) of the County's households earn less than 80% HAMFI and approximately 10.6% of the County's households earn less than 30% HAMFI. Low- and moderate- income populations continue to experience higher rates of housing problems, such as housing cost burden and overcrowding. As a result, these populations have an increased risk of homelessness.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems

INTRODUCTION

A disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points higher or more) than the income level as a whole. For example, assume that 60% of all low-income households within a jurisdiction have a housing problem and 70% of low-income Hispanic households have a housing problem. In this case, low-income Hispanic households have a disproportionately greater need.

Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified. Although the purpose of these tables is to analyze the relative level of need for each race and ethnic category, the data also provide information for the jurisdiction as a whole that can be useful in describing overall need.

Again, as defined by HUD, housing problems include:

- Substandard housing lacking complete plumbing facilities
- Substandard housing lacking complete kitchen facilities
- Overcrowded households with 1.01 to 1.5 people per room, excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms
- Households with housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

- The Disproportionately Greater Needs: Housing Problems section covers the following:
- Introduction
- Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 0-30% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 30-50% AMI
- Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 50-80% AMI
- Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 80-100% AMI
- Discussion

This section has four tables that capture the number of housing problems by income, race, and ethnicity. Each table provides data for a different income level (0–30%, 30–50%, 50–80%, and 80–100% AMI). The default data source is the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

0% - 30% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 0-30% AMI category have the highest percentage of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 71% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 12**, when considering race, nearly 70%, of White households and 67% of Black/African American households in the 0-30% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. Eighty percent (65%) of Asian households and 100% of American Indian/Alaska Native households in the 0-30% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 78% of Hispanic households have one or more of four housing problems.

Compared to the County as a whole, American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander households earning 0-30% AMI have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 12: DISPROPORTIONALLY GREATER NEED 0 - 30% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems*		Has none of the four housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,959	70.87%	1,338	11.91%	1,933	17.21%	11,230
White	5,348	69.02%	1,003	12.94%	1,398	18.04%	7,749
Black / African American	825	67.40%	134	10.95%	265	21.65%	1,224
Asian	133	65.52%	40	19.70%	30	14.78%	203
American Indian, Alaska Native	30	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	30
Pacific Islander	25	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	25
Hispanic	1,458	78.68%	155	8.36%	240	12.95%	1,853

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%*

Table 12 – Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

30% - 50% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 30-50% AMI category have the second-highest percentage of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 69% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 13**, when considering race, 65% of White households and 93% of Black/African American households in the 30-50% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. Additionally, 100% of American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander households in the 30-50% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 78% of Hispanic households have one or more of four housing problems.

The data shows that Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander households earning 30-50% AMI have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 13: DISPROPORTIONALLY GREATER NEED 30 - 50% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems*		Has none of the four housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	9,640	69.26%	4,279	30.74%	0	0.00%	13,919
White	6,880	65.16%	3,679	34.84%	0	0.00%	10,559
Black / African American	810	93.21%	59	6.79%	0	0.00%	869
Asian	138	60.53%	90	39.47%	0	0.00%	228
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	20
Pacific Islander	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	1,673	78.62%	455	21.38%	0	0.00%	2,128

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four housing problems are:* *1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4.Cost Burden greater than 30%*

Table 13 – Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

50% - 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 50%-80% AMI category have the third-highest percentage of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 48% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 14**, when considering race, 45% of White households and 61% of Black/African American households in the 50-80% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 62% of Hispanic households have one or more of four housing problems.

The data show that Black/African American and Hispanic households earning 50-80% AMI have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 14: DISPROPORTIONALLY GREATER NEED 50 - 80% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems*		Has none of the four housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	9,334	47.93%	10,141	52.07%	0	0.00%	19,475
White	7,069	45.15%	8,586	54.85%	0	0.00%	15,655
Black / African American	832	61.31%	525	38.69%	0	0.00%	1,357
Asian	45	34.62%	85	65.38%	0	0.00%	130
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	16.67%	70	83.33%	0	0.00%	84
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	1,318	62.41%	794	37.59%	0	0.00%	2,112

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four housing problems are:* *1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4.Cost Burden greater than 30%*

Table 14 – Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

80% - 100% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 80%-100% AMI category have the lowest percentage of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 30% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 15**, when considering race, 29% of White households and 46% of Black/African American households in the 80-100% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. Additionally, 41% of Asian households in the 80-100% AMI income group have one or more of four housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 24% of Hispanic households have one or more of four housing problems.

The data show that Black/African American and Asian households earning 80-100% AMI have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 15: DISPROPORTIONALLY GREATER NEED 80 - 100% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems*		Has none of the four housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,597	30.30%	8,273	69.70%	0	0.00%	11,870
White	2,791	29.79%	6,578	70.21%	0	0.00%	9,369
Black / African American	324	46.75%	369	53.25%	0	0.00%	693
Asian	109	41.60%	153	58.40%	0	0.00%	262
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	45	100.00%	0	0.00%	45
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	345	24.38%	1,070	75.62%	0	0.00%	1,415

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four housing problems are:* *1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4.Cost Burden greater than 30%*

Table 15 – Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

DISCUSSION

Of all households in the 0-30% AMI group, 70.87% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander households in the 0-30% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance (100.00% each, have one or more of four housing problems). Additionally, White and Black/African American households have a high need for assistance as nearly 70%, each, have one or more of four housing problems.

Of all households in the 30-50% AMI group, 69.26% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander households in the 30-50% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance (93.21%, 100.00%, and 100.00%, respectively) have one or more of four housing problems).

Of all households in the 50-80% AMI group, 47.93% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that Black/African American and Hispanic households in the 50-80% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance (61.31% and 62.41%, respectively, have one or more of four housing problems).

Of all households in the 80-100% AMI group, 30.30% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that Black/African American and Asian households in the 80-100% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance (46.75% and 41.60% respectively have one or more of four housing problems).

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems

INTRODUCTION

As noted in the previous section, a disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points higher or more) than the income level as a whole. Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified.

Severe housing problems include:

- Severely overcrowded households with more than 1.5 persons per room, not including bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms
- Households with severe cost burden of more than 50 percent of income

This section includes:

1. Introduction
2. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 0-30% AMI
3. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 30-50% AMI
4. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 50-80% AMI
5. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 80-100% AMI
6. Discussion

This section has four tables that capture the number of severe housing problems by income, race, and ethnicity. Each table provides data for a different income level (0–30%, 30–50%, 50–80%, and 80–100% AMI). The Default Data Source is the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

0% - 30% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within the Manatee County, households within the 0-30% AMI category have the highest percentage of households with severe housing problems. Approximately 60.55% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 16**, when considering race, 58.26% of White households 64.13% of Black/African American households in the 0-30% AMI income group have severe housing problems. Additionally, 65.52% of Asian households and 100% of American Indian/Alaska Native households in the 0-30% AMI income group have severe housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 67.53% of Hispanic households have severe housing problems. However, the data show that there are not any households earning 0-30% AMI that have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 16: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 0 - 30% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,793	60.55%	2,493	22.22%	1,933	17.23%	11,219
White	4,517	58.26%	1,838	23.71%	1,398	18.03%	7,753
Black / African American	785	64.13%	174	14.22%	265	21.65%	1,224
Asian	133	65.52%	40	19.70%	30	14.78%	203
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	50.00%	15	50.00%	0	0.00%	30
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	25	100.00%	0	0.00%	25
Hispanic	1,258	67.53%	365	19.59%	240	12.88%	1,863

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%*

Table 16 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

30% - 50% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within the Manatee County, households within the 30-50% AMI category have the second-highest percentage of households with severe housing problems. Approximately 40.32% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 17**, when considering race, 38.01% of White households and 47.64% of Black/African American households in the 30-50% AMI income group have severe housing problems. Additionally, 100% of Pacific Islander households in the 30-50% AMI income group have severe housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 47.97% of Hispanic households have severe housing problems. The data show that Pacific Islander households earning 30-50% AMI have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 17: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 30 - 50% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,620	40.32%	8,319	59.68%	0	0.00%	13,939
White	4,015	38.01%	6,549	61.99%	0	0.00%	10,564
Black / African American	414	47.64%	455	52.36%	0	0.00%	869
Asian	74	32.31%	155	67.69%	0	0.00%	229
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	20
Pacific Islander	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	1,018	47.97%	1,104	52.03%	0	0.00%	2,122

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4.Cost Burden over 50%*

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

50% - 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 50%-80% AMI category have the third-highest percentage of households with severe housing problems. Approximately 16.82% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 18**, when considering race, about 17% of White households and nearly 6% of Black/African American households in the 50-80% AMI income group have severe housing problems. Additionally, about 19% of Asian households in the 50-80% AMI income group have severe housing

problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, nearly 23% of Hispanic households have severe housing problems. The data show that no household groups in the 50-80% AMI income group have a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 18: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 50 - 80% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems		Has none of the four severe housing problems		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,279	16.82%	16,210	83.18%	0	0.00%	19,489
White	2,699	17.23%	12,970	82.77%	0	0.00%	15,669
Black / African American	78	5.73%	1,283	94.27%	0	0.00%	1,361
Asian	25	19.23%	105	80.77%	0	0.00%	130
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	4.76%	80	95.24%	0	0.00%	84
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	478	22.72%	1,626	77.28%	0	0.00%	2,104

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%*

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

80% - 100% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Of all the income levels within Manatee County, households within the 80%-100% AMI category have the lowest percentage of households with severe housing problems. Approximately 8.44% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 19**, when considering race, nearly 8% of White households and just over 7% of Black/African American households in the 80-100% AMI income group have severe housing problems. Additionally, about 9% Asian households have severe housing problems. When considering ethnicity and this income category, 14% of Hispanic households have severe housing problems. The data show that there are not any households earning 80-100% AMI with a disproportionate need for assistance.

TABLE 19: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 80 - 100% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,004	8.44%	10,894	91.56%	0	0.00%	11,898
White	734	7.83%	8,638	92.17%	0	0.00%	9,372
Black / African American	50	7.26%	639	92.74%	0	0.00%	689
Asian	24	8.99%	243	91.01%	0	0.00%	267
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	45	100.00%	0	0.00%	45
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	200	13.99%	1,230	86.01%	0	0.00%	1,430

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%*

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

DISCUSSION

Of all households in the 0-30% AMI group, 60.55% have severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that there aren't any racial or ethnic household groups in the 0-30% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance.

Of all households in the 30-50% AMI group, 40.32% have severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that Pacific Islander households in the 30-50% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance (100.00% have one or more severe housing problems).

Of all households in the 50-80% AMI group, 16.82% have severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that there aren't any racial or ethnic household groups in the 50-80% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance.

Of all households in the 80-100% AMI group, 8.44% have severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, the data show that there aren't any racial or ethnic household groups in the 80-100% AMI group have a disproportionate need for assistance.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens

Again, a disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points higher or more) than the income level as a whole. Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified.

This section includes:

1. Introduction
2. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Cost Burden
3. Discussion

Table 20 displays cost burden information for the Manatee County and each racial and ethnic group, including no cost burden (less than 30%), cost burden (30-50%), severe cost burden (more than 50%), and no/negative income. The default data source for this data is the 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As the data in **Table 20** suggests, a large number of households (34,452) are cost burdened within their current housing situation. White households have the highest number of cost burdened households (26,210). Hispanic households have the second-highest number of cost burdened households (4,448) and Black/African American households have the third-highest number of cost burdened households (2,934). A small number of Asian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native households are also cost burdened. Of the households that are cost burdened, nearly half (46%) are severely cost burdened. Overall, there are 15,880 households that are considered to be severely cost burdened within Manatee County.

TABLE 20: GREATER NEED: HOUSING COST BURDENS AMI

Housing Cost Burden	No Cost Burden (<=30%)		Cost Burden (30-50%)		Severe Cost Burden (>50%)		No / Negative Income		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	80,655	68.9%	18,572	15.9%	15,880	13.6%	1,970	1.7%	117,077
White	69,534	71.6%	14,150	14.6%	12,060	12.4%	1,404	1.4%	97,148
Black / African American	2,729	46.0%	1,685	28.4%	1,249	21.0%	275	4.6%	5,938
Asian	1,474	76.3%	185	9.6%	232	12.0%	40	2.1%	1,931
American Indian, Alaska Native	254	79.9%	45	14.2%	19	6.0%	0	0.0%	318
Pacific Islander	20	40.8%	25	51.0%	4	8.2%	0	0.0%	49
Hispanic	5,992	56.1%	2,313	21.7%	2,135	20.0%	240	2.2%	10,680

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: 2013-2017 CHAS*

Table 20 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

DISCUSSION

Within Manatee County, 68.9% of households do not presently experience cost burden, while 15.9% experience cost burden, 13.6% experience severe cost burden and nearly 2% have no/negative income. Overall, 29.5% of households are either cost burdened or severely cost burdened.

Of all households within the County, 15.9% are cost burdened (30-50%). Black/African American households experiences a cost burden at a greater rate (10 percentage points higher or more) than the jurisdiction as a whole at 28.4%. Pacific Islanders are also cost burdened at a disproportionate rate (51.0%) when compared to the jurisdiction as a whole, indicating a disproportionate need for assistance within these groups.

Of all households within the County, 13.6% experience severe cost burden (>50%). No particular household group experiences severe cost burden at disproportionate rate from the jurisdiction as a whole.

Approximately 2% of households have no/negative income. No race or ethnicity experiences no/negative income at a greater rate (10 percentage points higher or more) than the jurisdiction as a whole.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion

INCOME CATEGORIES IN WHICH A RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP HAS DISPROPORTIONATELY GREATER NEED

As indicated in the previous sections, several racial or ethnic groups were identified as having a disproportionately greater housing need in comparison to income group as a whole. As detailed below, these include the Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, and Hispanic groups.

The Black/African American group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 30-50% AMI group (93% versus 69% as a whole)
- Housing problems in the 50-80% AMI group (61% versus 48% as a whole)
- Housing problems in the 80-100% AMI group (46% versus 30% as a whole)
- Cost burden 30-50% of household income (28% versus 16% as a whole)

The Asian group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 80-100% AMI group (41% versus 30% as a whole)

The American Indian/Alaska Native group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 0-30% AMI group (100% versus 71% as a whole)
- Housing problems in the 30-50% AMI group (100% versus 69% as a whole)

The Pacific Islander group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 0-30% AMI group (100% versus 71% as a whole)
- Housing problems in the 30-50% AMI group (100% versus 69% as a whole)
- Severe housing problems in the 30-50% AMI group (100% versus 40% as a whole)
- Cost burden 30-50% of household income (51% versus 16% as a whole)

The Hispanic group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 50-80% AMI group (62% versus 48% as a whole)

NEEDS NOT PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

Based on input and data received through the citizen participation process, the greatest housing needs are:

- Affordable housing supply of all types (single or multi-family) for low- and moderate-income households and special needs persons
- Rehabilitation and repair of owner- and renter-occupied housing units
- Homeowner and renter assistance programs
- Fair housing outreach and enforcement

ARE ANY OF THOSE RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUPS LOCATED IN SPECIFIC AREAS OR NEIGHBORHOODS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Sixty-six (66) block groups have a population that is majority low- and moderate-income. These block groups are distributed throughout the County. According to HUD FY2022 Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD), there are approximately 132,290 persons of low- or moderate- income within the jurisdiction as whole, which represents 41.9% of Manatee County's estimated population (315,345), according to the FY2022 LMISD.

Census Tracts with greater concentrations of racial and ethnic minorities correspond to the County's R/ECAPs (including Samoset) and portions of South County, East Bradenton, and Palmetto. Many of the areas identified as having high concentrations of minority racial or ethnic groups also have a high percentage of low- and moderate- income households, and generally align with the County's R/ECAPs. The data seem to indicate a possible correlation between concentrations of low-income and minority race or ethnicity. As indicated in the previous sections, a person's race or ethnicity, income, and disability status are strong indicators for needing housing assistance through various public housing program types.

NA-35 Public Housing

INTRODUCTION

The Consolidated Plan must provide a concise summary of the needs of public housing residents. Information is collected through consultations with the public housing agency or agencies located within the jurisdiction's boundaries. The Public Housing Needs Assessment contains the following subsections:

- Introduction
- Totals in Use
- Characteristics of Residents
- Race of Residents
- Ethnicity of Residents
- Additional Narrative

The Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) is responsible for administering public housing and other publicly assisted housing programs within Manatee County. The MCHA's public housing inventory includes approximately 77 units in the Pine Village Subdivision. Among other assistance, the MCHA also administers the Section 8 rental assistance program that provides rental assistance to qualified persons based on income. The amount paid by qualified persons for rent and utilities does not exceed 30% of income, and income must be within HUD's guidelines for household size. Housing units must pass the Housing Quality Standards Inspection per guidelines established by HUD. This program has a waiting list, which is currently closed.

Data in this section covers several types of housing programs and vouchers that are defined as follows:

- Certificate: The total number of Section 8 certificates administered by the Public Housing Authority (PHA).
- Mod-Rehab: The total number of units in developments that were funded under the moderate rehabilitation program administered locally by PHAs.
- Public Housing: The total number of units in developments operated by the PHAs within the jurisdiction.
- Total: The total number of Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA (project based plus tenant based)
- Project Based: The total number of project-based Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA
- Tenant Based: The total number of tenant-based Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA.

- Special Purpose Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing: The HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- Special Purpose Family Unification Program: Family Unification Program funding is allocated through a competitive process; therefore, not all PHAs administer the program.
- Special Purpose Disabled: In this context, disabled includes non-elderly disabled, mainstream 1-year, mainstream 5-year, and nursing home transition.

TOTALS IN USE

Table 21 displays the number of vouchers and units by public housing program type. According to the PIH Information Center (PIC), there are 77 public housing units, administered by the MCHA. Tenant-based vouchers are by far the most used program, with 1,027 vouchers currently in use. According to PIC, there are 27 project-based vouchers and no special purpose vouchers in use.

TABLE 21: PUBLIC HOUSING BY PROGRAM TYPE

Program Type									
							Special Purpose Voucher		
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	77	1,054	27	1,027	0	0	0

**Includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition*

Source: *Source: HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: Public Information Center (PIC) Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)*

Table 21 – Public Housing by Program Type

CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS

Table 22 displays the characteristics of public housing residents by public housing program type. In Manatee County, publicly assisted residents with higher incomes tend to utilize project-based vouchers, whereas residents with lower incomes tend to live in public housing. As expected, the average annual income for all assisted residents is very low with the lowest average annual income at $13,220 for

residents in public housing and the highest being $15,690 for residents utilizing project-based vouchers. The average household size is also very low (not more than two persons per household).

Elderly program participants comprise nearly 15% of publicly assisted residents and a large number of publicly assisted families are disabled (22%). All families assisted are requesting accessibility features, as the number of families requesting accessibility features is equivalent to the total number of public housing units and vouchers in use. These data show that most families in need of housing assistance/vouchers are also disabled or in need of housing accessibility features. No HIV/AIDS participants or victims of domestic violence were counted.

TABLE 22: CHARACTERISTICS OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS BY PROGRAM TYPE

	Program Type								
							Special Purpose Voucher		
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*
Average Annual Income	0	0	13,220	13,505	15,690	13,448	0	0	0
Average length of stay (years)	0	0	1	7	1	7	0	0	0
Average Household size	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	7	161	2	159	0	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	15	235	3	232	0	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	77	1,054	27	1,027	0	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition*

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: Public Information Center (PIC) Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)*

Table 22 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

RACE OF RESIDENTS

Table 23 displays the racial composition of residents for each public housing program. The data in **Table 23** show that the majority of public housing residents in Manatee County are Black/African American (about 62%). Tenant-based vouchers are most utilized by Black/African American (65%) residents, with over a third (33%) used by Whites. Less than 1% of public housing and tenant-based vouchers are utilized by residents of another race.

TABLE 23: RACE OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS BY PROGRAM TYPE

Program Type									
							Special Purpose Voucher		
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*
White	0	0	29	351	4	347	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	48	697	23	674	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition*

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: Public Information Center (PIC) Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)*

Table 23 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

ETHNICITY OF RESIDENTS

Table 24 displays the ethnic composition of residents for each assisted housing program. The ethnic groups defined as "Hispanic" utilize 26% of public housing units and nearly 11% of tenant-based vouchers. The majority of publicly assisted residents do not identify as Hispanic.

TABLE 24: ETHNICITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS BY PROGRAM TYPE

Program Type									
							Special Purpose Voucher		
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*
Hispanic	0	0	20	111	0	111	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	57	943	27	916	0	0	0

**Includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition*

Source: *HUD IDIS Output, January 2023: Public Information Center (PIC) Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)*

Table 24 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

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NEEDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS AND APPLICANTS ON THE WAITING LIST FOR ACCESSIBLE UNITS

The waiting list is currently closed and the MCHA is not accepting applications at this time. The data show that many families in need of public housing are also disabled or in need of housing accessibility features; however, accessible housing is in limited supply.

MOST IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER HOLDERS

All publicly assisted residents are in need of accessible units. Approximately 15% of residents are elderly and 22% are disabled. Families identified as "Families with Disabilities" have an immediate need for public housing and tenant-based housing with improved accessibility. The number of disabled families assisted totals 250. In addition, 1,131 families (all of those assisted) are requesting accessibility features. These data show that most families in need of housing assistance are also disabled or in need of accessibility features. Additionally, 168 residents are elderly (>62 years) and thus likely to need accessible units.

HOW DO THESE NEEDS COMPARE TO THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE POPULATION AT LARGE

For Manatee County, a resident's race or ethnicity, income, and disability status are strong indicators for needing housing assistance through these various public housing programs. The average income for all public housing programs is very low (less than $13,220). Tenants and voucher holders, as well as applicants on waiting lists, are typically cost burdened and many are elderly and/or disabled. Due to their limited income, their housing needs include affordability, availability of assistance, accessibility improvements for the elderly and/or disabled, and Fair Housing options.

DISCUSSION

The Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) is responsible for administering public housing and other publicly assisted housing programs within Manatee County. In total, the MCHA provides 80 public housing units and 1,027 tenant-based vouchers. The MCHA waiting list is currently closed.

Black/African American and Hispanic residents have a high demand for the identified program types. Only 1% of public housing and tenant-based vouchers are utilized by residents of another race. The majority of publicly assisted residents are Black/African American. The average income and household size of those receiving assistance is very low (just over $13,000 and not more than two persons per household).

Most families in need of housing assistance are elderly or disabled, or otherwise in need of housing accessibility features. The MCHA works to identify local landlords that supply accessible housing and make appropriate referrals. Additional resources for the public are available the MCHA's website: www.manateehousing.com.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment

INTRODUCTION

There are four federally defined categories under which individuals and families may qualify as homeless:

1. Literally homeless;
2. Imminent risk of homelessness;
3. Homeless under other Federal statues; and
4. Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

Meeting homelessness challenges in Manatee County is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies, and organizations. Manatee County is within the Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, and Sarasota Counties CoC. The lead agency for collecting homeless data, conducting homeless needs assessments, and developing community supported homelessness strategies is the Suncoast Partnership. The Suncoast Partnership supports the communities of Manatee County and Sarasota County. Most of the data utilized in this section of the Plan was gathered from the Suncoast Partnership and the HUD exchange.

As a part of the Consolidated Plan process, the County coordinated with the Suncoast Partnership to obtain data related to the homeless population in Manatee County. The Suncoast Partnership regularly conducts a homeless census where volunteers reach out to identify the homeless and have them complete a short survey to gather information about the number of homeless as well as the characteristics of this population. It should be noted that any homeless census is an undercount, because it is impossible to count locate every homeless person within geography as broad as Manatee County.

HOMELESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A recent homeless census, or annual point-in-time (PIT) survey, was conducted on January 23, 2017. The results of this survey are summarized in **Table 25(A).** The methodology used by the Suncoast Partnership included actual counts of homeless persons living on the streets and in shelters in Manatee and Sarasota counties (the CoC region). The total number of homeless people in the CoC counties officially counted during the 2022 survey was 1,138. The data does not report how many of these people are specifically living in Manatee County; however, Manatee County makes up approximately 48% of the population in

the Continuum of Care region, according to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Based on this percentage, it can be assumed that there are about 545 homeless individuals living within Manatee County alone.

When non-typical homeless responses from street survey, jail, and school data are considered, the total number of homeless or persons at risk of becoming homeless may be higher. Of the 1,138 homeless persons officially counted within the CoC, 952 were in households with only adults, 6 were in households with only children, and 180 were in households with at least one adult and one child. Fifty-one (51) were unaccompanied youth, including 6 unaccompanied children under 18 years of age, and 103 were homeless veterans. Eight (8) persons reported having HIV/AIDS.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to follow-up with much needed services and support. Over 22% were chronically homeless, having been homeless at least four times in the past three years. Many of those surveyed had a serious mental illness (123 persons or nearly 11%) or a substance abuse disorder (101 or nearly 9%). Approximately 57 or 5% of those surveyed had been victims of domestic violence.

TABLE 25(A): HOMELESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	167	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Households with Only Children	6	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Households with Only Adults	451	501	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chronically Homeless Individuals	67	188	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chronically Homeless Families	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Veterans	67	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unaccompanied Child	37	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons with HIV	7	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: *2022 Point-in-Time Count for Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties Continuum of Care, January 2022; N/A – No data available.*

Table 25(A) – Homeless Needs Assessment

HOMELESS POPULATION TYPES INCLUDING CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH)

Chronically Homeless

HUD defines a person as chronically homeless if they have been homeless for one year or longer or have had four or more episodes of homelessness within the past three years and have a disabling condition. National studies have found that when all costs are factored in, chronically homeless persons account for approximately half of the total expenditures for homeless services. This percent of expenditure is based on a national average of just fewer than 16% of all homeless persons being considered as chronically homeless. In Manatee and Sarasota counties, the percentage of chronically homeless persons is higher. Of the homeless persons counted during the 2022 PIT, 22% of those surveyed, or 255 individuals, met the HUD definition of chronically homeless.

Families

Of the 1,138 homeless persons officially counted, 180 or nearly 16% were in households with at least one adult and one child. Persons in families, specifically, comprised a small segment of the overall homeless population counted by the Suncoast Partnership. There were 59 homeless families reported in Manatee County during the 2022 PIT survey. Three families were classified as chronically homeless.

Veterans

There are an estimated 103 homeless veterans in Manatee and Sarasota counties, comprising 9% of the counted homeless population.

Unaccompanied Youth

Unaccompanied youth accounted for approximately 4.5% or 51 of the 1,138 homeless persons that agreed to be surveyed. Six (6) of the unaccompanied youth were children under the age of 18.

FAMILIES IN NEED OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Of the 1,138 homeless persons officially counted, 180 or nearly 16% were in households with at least one adult and one child. Persons in families, specifically, comprised a small segment of the overall homeless population counted by the Suncoast Partnership. There were 59 homeless families reported in Manatee County during the 2022 PIT survey. Three families were classified as chronically homeless. Similarly, in 2021, there were 56 homeless families reported in the CoC. It is estimated that 48% of the CoC's population resides within Manatee County; as such, it can be estimated that there are at least 28 homeless families with children in need of housing assistance are within Manatee County.

NATURE AND EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS BY RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUP

Homelessness is not unique to a particular gender, race, or ethnicity. **Table 25(B)** provides demographic data regarding the homeless population in the Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, and Sarasota Counties Continuum of Care. Approximately 33% of those surveyed were females and 67% of those surveyed were males. According to the 2022 data, the most commonly reported races were White, representing 76% of the homeless surveyed, and Black/African American, representing about 20% of the homeless surveyed. Less than 4% reported as another race or more than one race. Of the homeless surveyed, nearly 11% reported as Hispanic/Latino.

TABLE 25(B): HOMELESSNESS BY RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUP

Race	Sheltered	Unsheltered
White	453	413
Black or African American	144	89
Asian	2	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1
Pacific Islander	1	1
Multi-Racial	23	7
Ethnicity	**Sheltered**	**Unsheltered**
Hispanic	79	45
Not Hispanic	545	469

Source: *2022 Point-in-Time Count for Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties Continuum of Care, January 23, 2017; N/A – No data available.*

Table 25(B) – Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group

Table 26 – RESERVED

Table 27 – RESERVED

NATURE AND EXTENT OF UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

The number of homeless people counted during the annual PIT survey in the Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties Continuum of Care in 2022 was 1,138. Of the total homeless persons officially counted in the Continuum of Care region, 255 were chronically homeless individuals, 51 were unaccompanied children, 103 were homeless veterans, and eight (8) were persons with HIV/AIDS.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to follow-up with much needed services and support. Over 22% were chronically homeless, having been homeless at least four times in the past three years. Many of those surveyed had a serious mental illness (123 persons or nearly 11%) or a substance abuse disorder (101 or nearly 9%). Approximately 57 or 5% of those surveyed had been victims of domestic violence.

DISCUSSION

Based on the January 24, 2022, PIT survey, the homeless population within the Continuum of Care is approximately 1,138 individuals. This number is significantly higher than number reported for the

previous year (526 in 2021). Many of those surveyed had a serious mental illness or a substance abuse disorder or had been victims of domestic violence. Several organizations in Manatee County provide temporary, transitional, and permanent supportive housing, and other basic assistance, for area families facing homelessness. These include, but are not limited to, the Salvation Army, Our Daily Bread, Turning Points, Catholic Charites, HOPE Family Services, and Family Resources Safe Place 2B, among others.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment

INTRODUCTION

A broad category that applies to any population that is presumed to be low- to moderate-income and in need of public services, non-homeless special needs include those of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, at-risk youth, elderly, and other groups such as persons with HIV/AIDS. These special needs are often addressed by non-profit agencies, usually in coordination with the Manatee County. Understanding the characteristics of its special needs populations will help the County to better evaluate public facilities and services directed toward such needs.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Elderly & Frail Elderly

According to HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), HUD defines "elderly" as individuals over the age of 62 and "frail elderly" as individuals over the age of 75. According to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, 32.3% of Manatee County's population are individuals over the age of 62 and 12.3% are individuals over the age of 75. Due to age, the frail elderly may be unable to care for themselves adequately and may have one or more disabilities or need assistance to perform the routine activities of daily life. According to 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, 19.5% of individuals between 65 and 74 years of age are disabled (11,577); whereas 40.5% of individuals over the age of 75 are disabled (19,374).

At-Risk Youth and Young Adults

Approximately 71,977 children live in Manatee County. According to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, 18.2% of Manatee County's population is less than 18 years of age. Of the population, less than 18 years of age, approximately 15.9% children are living in poverty (11,461).

Physically & Developmentally Disabled

According to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, disabilities are categorized into six types: hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive ability, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and independent living difficulty. According to the 217-2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, approximately 56,041 or 14.3% of people in Manatee County are estimated to have a disability. While most disabled persons within

Manatee County (approx. 47,484 people) are 35 years and over, the highest proportion of disabled persons are between the ages of 35 to 64 (16,533) and 75 years and over (19,374).

Mental Illness & Substance Abuse

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) manual, defines severe mental illness as a persistent mental or emotional impairment that significantly limits a person's ability to live independently. According to the national statistics, approximately one percent of the adult population meets the definition of severely mentally ill. According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Manatee County has an estimated adult population (over 18 years of age) of approximately 322,847 persons. One percent of this population is 3,228 persons.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 2020 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services, 390 persons per 100,000 population of adult age are in treatment for either an alcohol or drug abuse problem. Since Manatee County is estimated to have an adult population (age 18 or older) of 322,847 persons, an estimated 1,259 individuals in Manatee County may have substance abuse problems.

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

There may be as many as 2,500 victims of domestic violence and related incidents annually in Manatee County. According to the Florida State UCR Domestic Violence Crime Comparison data by County, updated in 2022, there were 2,343 domestic violence incidents reported.

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NEEDS AND DETERMINATION

Elderly & Frail Elderly

The elderly and frail elderly typically need assistance with housing rehabilitation and home maintenance. Additionally, the elderly may need facilities and programming, such as those provided at senior centers and through initiatives like the Manatee County's Aging Services/Elder Helpline.

The elderly are also susceptible to financial difficulties as well as to health problems, including those caused by poor nutrition. Organizations such as Meals-on-Wheels Plus of Manatee, Our Daily Bread, and

Manatee County's Aging Services/Elder Helpline support the elderly in Manatee County. These types of organizations are critical in determining and meeting elderly and frail elderly service needs.

At-Risk Youth and Young Adults

Manatee County offers a number of programs for youth and young adults, including those held after school and during the summer at the G.T. Bray Recreation Center, John H. Marble Recreation Complex, Pride Park, and Lincoln Park, as well as various other public parks, natural areas, and libraries. Currently, there are several agencies within Manatee County that provide programing for low- and moderate-income children, specifically. These include the Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, which funds programs related to crisis stabilization, family strengthening and support, maternal and child health, youth development, prevention and redirection, and school readiness. Supportive service needs for youth and young adults are determined by such agencies and related youth service providers.

Physically and Developmentally Disabled

Accessibility improvements and other supportive services, such as employment assistance, are typical needs of this population. Currently, there are several agencies within Manatee County that provide services for people with disabilities including, but not limited to, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida, United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Suncoast Center for Independent Living, Inc., and Lighthouse of Manasota. Supportive service needs for the disabled are determined by such service providers.

Mental Illness & Substance Abuse

Healthcare and mental health counseling are typical needs of this population. Currently there are several agencies in Manatee County that offer services to the mentally ill and substance abusers, including, but not limited to, Manatee County Rural Health Services, We Care, and Manatee Glens, among others. Supportive service needs for the mentally ill and substance abusers are determined by such service providers.

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

Family safety, advocacy, and housing for both adults and children are typical needs of this population. Currently there are several organizations in Manatee County that offer services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking including, but not limited to, HOPE Family Services,

Legal Aid of Manasota, Gulf Coast Legal Services, and Women's Resource Center, among others. Supportive assistance needs for victims of domestic violence are determined by such service providers.

PUBLIC SIZE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF POPULATION WITH HIV / AIDS

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that over one million adults and adolescents are living with HIV in the U.S., including those not yet diagnosed and those who have already progressed to AIDS. According to the Florida Department of Health, Florida has one of the highest rates of new HIV infections in the country. According to the Florida Health Department Integrated Epidemiological Profiles (2021) there were approximately 1,229 persons living with HIV in Manatee County.

Persons who are HIV positive do not, simply by virtue of having the HIV antibody, require special housing. The State of Florida Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) does not offer any services in Manatee County for persons living with the HIV/AIDS virus; however, equal access to housing is a priority for the County. Currently, there are several programs and housing providers for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Manatee County including, but not limited to, the Manatee County Health Department, Manatee County Rural Health Services, and Catholic Charities, among other regional networks.

DISCUSSION

Non-Homeless Special Needs is a broad category that applies to any population that is presumed to be low- to moderate-income and in need of public services. The category covers a large population, including the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, elderly, and other groups. Services to address these needs are often provided by non-profit agencies, usually in coordination with the Manatee County; however, many of these agencies are overburdened and continue to need funding assistance for service delivery.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs

PUBLIC FACILITIES NEEDS

The community has identified the following public facility needs: youth recreational and senior/elderly facilities and programs, community resource centers, libraries/reading spaces, and public park improvements.

PUBLIC FACILITIES NEED DETERMINATION

These needs were identified during the survey, focus groups, and community meetings conducted in during the Consolidated Planning process, based on citizen feedback and discussion of community needs.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS NEEDS

The community has identified the following public improvement needs: Improvements to street lighting, public safety, code enforcement, blight elimination, sidewalks and related ADA modification, roads/repaving, and flooding/drainage improvements.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS NEED DETERMINATION

These needs were identified during the survey, focus groups, and community meetings conducted in during the Consolidated Planning process, based on citizen feedback and discussion of community needs.

PUBLIC SERVICES NEEDS

The community has identified the follow public service needs: programs for elderly persons (in-home care, transportation, nutrition, etc.), health services, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, prisoner re-entry programs, legal aid, case management, youth activities/programs (through young-adult), childcare, and the need to address the link between transportation, affordable housing, and job opportunities.

PUBLIC SERVICES NEED DETERMINATION

These needs were identified during the survey, focus groups, and community meetings conducted in during the Consolidated Planning process, based on citizen feedback and discussion of community needs.

Housing Market Analysis



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HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Market Analysis is to provide a clear picture of the environment in which Manatee County must administer its programs over the course of the Consolidated Plan. In conjunction with the Needs Assessment, the Market Analysis will provide the basis for the Strategic Plan and the programs and projects to be administered. Most of the data tables in this section are populated with a default data set based on the most recent data available. Additional data has been obtained from various sources, including more current American Community Survey (ACS) estimates and local data from Manatee County. This section covers the following broad topics:

- *General Characteristics of the Housing Market*: The general characteristics of the County's housing market, including supply, demand, and condition and cost of housing, are described in the following sections: Number of Housing Units (MA-10); Cost of Housing (MA-15); and, Condition of Housing (MA-20).
- *Lead-based Paint Hazards*: The Condition of Housing (MA-10) section provides an estimate of the number of housing units within Manatee County that are occupied by low-income families or moderate-income families that contain lead-based paint hazards.
- *Public and Assisted Housing*: A description and identification of the public housing developments and public housing units in Manatee County is provided in the Public and Assisted Housing (MA-25) section. This narrative details the physical condition of such units, the restoration and revitalization needs, Section 504 needs, and the public housing agency's strategy for improving the management and operation of public housing and the living conditions of low- and moderate-income families in public housing.
- *Assisted Housing*: The information collected in the Number of Housing Units (MA-10) section describes the number and targeting (income level and type of family served) of units currently assisted by local, state, or federally funded programs and an assessment of whether any such units are expected to be lost from the assisted housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

- *Facilities, Housing, and Services for Homeless Persons*: A brief inventory of facilities, housing, and services that meet the needs of homeless persons within the County is provided in the Homeless Facilities and Services (MA-30) section. A particular emphasis is given to chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. The inventory includes services directly targeted to homeless persons, as well as mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons.
- *Special Need Facilities and Services*: The Special Needs Facilities and Services (MA-35) section describes the housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities and other low-income persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The section further describes the facilities and services that assist persons who are not homeless, but who require supportive housing and programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical heath institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.
- *Barriers to Affordable Housing*: This section (MA-40) provides an assessment of the regulatory barriers to affordable housing that exist within Manatee County. These regulatory barriers may include tax policies affecting land and other property, land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.
- *Non-Housing Community Development Assets:* This section (MA-45) provides an inventory of the economic activities and opportunities within Manatee County. It identifies the topics of business by sector, labor force, occupations by sector, travel time, educational attainment, and earnings.
- *Broadband Needs of Housing*: This section (MA-60) describes the need for broadband connections for low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods. It also identified whether additional competition is needed to encourage affordable rates.
- *Hazard Mitigation*: This section (MA-65) identifies the jurisdictions increased natural hazard risks and vulnerabilities as a result of climate change.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a) & (b) (2)

INTRODUCTION

The total number of housing units in Manatee County increased significantly during the past decade. The County had a total of 138,128 housing units at the time of the 2000 U.S Census and 172,690 housing units at the time of the 2010 U.S. Census. Between 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census, the total number of housing units in the County grew by nearly 20% (from 172,690 to 206,633 units). According to data provided in the 2017-2021 ACS, there are currently an estimated total of 202,950 housing units located within Manatee County, a 1.8% decrease since 2020.

TABLE 28: ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BY NUMBER OF UNITS

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	109,779	54.1%
1-unit, attached structure	12,711	6.3%
2-4 units	13,346	6.5%
5-19 units	20,344	10.0%
20 or more units	16,892	8.3
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc.	29,878	14.8%
Total	202,950	100%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*

Table 28 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

As shown in **Table 28**, data from the 2017-2021 ACS show that over 120,000 or more than 60% of all residential properties within Manatee County are single units. Single-unit properties are either detached structures (109,779 or 54.1%) or attached structures (12,711 or 6.3%). Residential properties are further categorized into properties within 2-4 unit structures (13,346 or 6.5%), properties within 5-19 unit structures (20,344 or 10.0%), and properties within 20 or more unit structures (16,892 or 8.3%). These categories comprise over 85% of the County's housing stock. The remaining 14.8% of residential properties in the County are classified as mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc. (29,878), making up a significant number of homes within the County.

TABLE 29: UNIT SIZE BY TENURE

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	491	0.4%	1,395	3.5%
1 bedroom	5,174	4.4%	6,793	17.1%
2 or 3 bedrooms	88,631	76.0%	29,234	73.6%
4 or more bedrooms	22,261	19.1%	2,275	5.7%
Total	116,557	100%	39,697	100%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*

Table 29 – Unit Size by Tenure

As shown in **Table 29**, there are an estimated 156,254 total occupied housing units within the County. Of this total, 116,557 or 74.5% are owner-occupied and 39,697 or 25.4% are renter-occupied. Of all owner-occupied units, most contain 2 or 3 bedrooms (76%). Only a small number of owner-occupied units have 1 bedroom (4.4%) or are without bedrooms (0.4%). Of all renter-occupied units, most contain 2 or 3 bedrooms (73.6%). In contrast to owner-occupied units, a significant percentage of renter-occupied units have 1 bedroom (17.1%) and a small percentage of renter-occupied units are without bedrooms (3.5%).

DESCRIBE THE NUMBER AND TARGETING (INCOME LEVEL/TYPE OF FAMILY SERVED) OF UNITS ASSISTED WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROGRAMS.

As was noted earlier in Section NA-35, the Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) has been charged with the responsibility of the administration of housing programs for low-income persons. The operations of the MCHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

According to the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Public Information Center (PIC), the following number and type of voucher units are available within Manatee County (see also **Table 38**):

- 80 total public housing units available
- 1,276 total Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) available

PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF UNITS EXPECTED TO BE LOST FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY FOR ANY REASON, SUCH AS EXPIRATION OF SECTION 8 CONTRACTS.

Some units assisted with Federal, state or local programs may be lost from the inventory during the planning period; however, because Manatee County does not directly administer public housing or HCV

vouchers, the County is unaware of any expiring contacts. The MCHA monitors contract expirations and/or unit losses.

DOES THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION?

A shortage of affordable housing may exist for very-low and low-income households in Manatee County. While affordability is a concern for any tenure, more owner-occupied units are considered affordable than renter-occupied units. Public comment suggests a lack of available, quality, and affordable housing units.

DESCRIBE THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF HOUSING

Generally, the County has a diverse distribution of housing types. Most housing units in the County are within detached single-unit structures. About 18.3% of all housing units are within structures with 5 or more units, indicating a lack of multi-unit apartment and townhome buildings. Sixteen percent (14.8%) of housing units in the County consist of mobile homes, boats, RVs, vans, etc., which are generally more affordable housing types for low- and moderate-income residents who may not be able to afford a single-family home. Only 12.8% of all housing units are within attached single-unit structures or 2-4 unit structures, indicating a lack of townhome, duplex, and triplex types.

Although the distribution of specific housing types suggests a reasonably diverse selection of housing for low- and moderate-income residents, affordability of these units is a major concern. As indicated in the Needs Assessment, cost burden and severe cost burden is a problem for a high percentage of low- and moderate-income residents. Public comment along with data analysis suggests the need for additional affordable multi-family units located along urban corridors, near job centers, and in the proximity to other community amenities and assets.

In terms of housing unit size, the predominant unit size for both owners and renters is 2 or more bedrooms, with few smaller units available (see **Table 28** and **Table 29**). It is important to note that according to the 2017-2021 ACS, larger units (4 or more bedrooms) in Manatee County tend to be occupied by owners while smaller units (one bedrooms) tend to be occupied by renters. These trends may indicate a lack of larger units available for rental or point to affordability concerns as unit size increases.

DISCUSSION

The number of housing units in the County has increased dramatically over the long-term. However, a shortage of affordable housing may exist for very-low and low-income households in Manatee County; and given the County's housing stock profile, there is a lack of diversity of housing types within the County. While there is a significant amount of housing units in the County that consist of mobile homes, boats, RVs, vans, etc., which tend to be more affordable, most housing units within the County are within either single-unit detached structures or multi-unit apartment/condominium structures. Few units are within other attached housing types (e.g., townhome, duplex, etc.). Moreover, there are few smaller (1 bedroom or studio) units available.

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing – 91.210(a)

INTRODUCTION

This section provides an overall picture of housing costs within Manatee County. Specifically, the section describes housing cost trends, rent trends, fair market rents, and affordability.

TABLE 30: COST OF HOUSING

	Base Year: 2015	Most Recent Year: 2021	% Change
Median Home Value	$169,000	$267,300	58%
Median Contract Rent	$814	$1,190	46%

Data Source: *2011-2015 ACS (Base Year: 2015), 2017-2021 ACS (Most Recent Year: 2021)*

Table 30 – Cost of Housing

TABLE 31: RENT PAID

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than $500	1,227	3.1%
$500-999	8,087	20.4%
$1,000-1,499	15,083	38.0%
$1,500-1,999	9,802	24.7%
$2,000 or more	4,078	10.3%
No rent paid	1,420	3.6%
Total	39,697	100%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*

Table 31 – Rent Paid

The costs of housing trends for Manatee County are displayed in **Table 30**. According to the 2017-2021 ACS, the current median home value for Manatee County is estimated to be $267,300. This figure represents a 58% increase from the 2011-2015 U.S. Census median home value of $169,000.

Between the 2011-2015 ACS and the 2017-2021 ACS, the estimated median contract rent within the County increased by 46%, from $814 to $1,190. The distribution of estimated rents paid within Manatee County is detailed in **Table 31**, according to 2017-2021 ACS data. Of all 39,697 rental units within the County, almost half (58.4%) have a rent between $500 and $1,499. Few rental units have a rent less than $500 (3.1%). Approximately 35% of rental units have rent over $1,499.

TABLE 32: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

% Units affordable to Households	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	930	No Data
50% HAMFI	4,249	8,623
80% HAMFI	15,325	19,458
100% HAMFI	No Data	27,818
Total	20,504	55,899

Data Source: 2013-2017 CHAS

Table 32 – Housing Affordability

The overall housing affordability within Manatee County is detailed in **Table 32**. According to HUD, a unit is considered affordable if gross rent, including utilities, is no more than 30% of the household income. The table, based on 2013-2017 CHAS data, first divides households into four income ranges: less than or equal to 30% HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI), less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, and less than or equal to 100% HAMFI. The table also separates housing units into either rental units or owner units.

For households with incomes less than or equal to 30% HAMFI, a total of 930 available rental units are considered to be affordable, while no data is available for owner units. For households with incomes less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, a total of 4,249 affordable rental units are available, while 8,623 affordable owner units are available. For households with incomes less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, a total of 15,325 affordable rental units are available, while 19,458 affordable owner units are available. Finally, for households with incomes less than or equal to 100% HAMFI, a total of 27,818 affordable owner units are available, while no data is provided for affordable rental units.

As noted previously in **Table 29**, an estimated 39,697 renter-occupied housing units are located within Manatee County (2017-2021 ACS). Of this total, only about 2.3% of renter-occupied housing units are affordable to the lowest income households (less or equal to 30% AMFI) and 10.7% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 50% AMFI. A much larger percentage (38%) of renter-occupied housing units are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80% AMFI. In general, only 51% of renter-occupied units are affordable.

An estimated 116,557 owner-occupied housing units are located within Manatee County (see **Table 29**). Of this total, 7.3% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, 16.7% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, and 23.8% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 100% HAMFI. In general, 47.8% of owner-occupied housing units are affordable.

TABLE 33: MONTHLY RENT

Monthly Rent ($)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	$880	$1,060	$1,320	$1,750	$2,080
High HOME Rent	$1,020	$1,094	$1,316	$1,511	$1,666
Low HOME Rent	$800	$857	$1,028	$1,188	$1,326

Data Source: *HUD FY 2023 FMR for Zip Code 34205 and 2023 HOME Rent Limits for North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA*

Table 33 – Monthly Rent

Table 33 shows HUD Fair Market Rents and HUD HOME Rents within Manatee County. All Housing Choice Voucher programs operated in the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA will use Small Area FMRs as defined by ZIP codes. Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are gross rent estimates that include rent plus the cost of all tenant-paid utilities. FMRs are set to the dollar amount at which 40% of the standard-quality rental housing units are rented, excluding non-market rental housing (e.g., public housing). High HOME Rents are equal to the FMR or 30% of the adjusted income of a family whose income equals 65% AMI, whichever is lower. Low HOME Rents are equal to 30% of the adjusted income of a family whose income equals 50% AMI.

IS THERE SUFFICIENT HOUSING FOR HOUSEHOLDS AT ALL INCOME LEVELS?

A comparison of the total number of households at the various income levels (see **Table 6**) and the total number of affordable housing units available for the various income levels (see **Table 32**) can reveal surpluses or shortages of affordable housing.

There are 11,230 very low-income households earning 0-30% HAMFI in Manatee County. Because only 930 affordable rental units are identified in the CHAS database, and an undetermined number of owner units are available, a significant shortage of affordable units likely exists within the County for very low-income households. Similarly, there appears to be a shortage of affordable housing for low-income households. A total of 13,940 households in the County earn 30-50% HAMFI. According to the CHAS database, 4,249 rental-units and 8,623 owner-units (a total of 12,872 units) are available and affordable to low-income households. A total of 19,465 households in the County earn 50-80% HAMFI. There are approximately 15,325, affordable rental units and 19,458 affordable owner-units (a total of 34,783 units) available and affordable to moderate-income households, according to the CHAS database.

HOW IS AFFORDABILITY OF HOUSING LIKELY TO CHANGE CONSIDERING CHANGES TO HOME VALUES AND/OR RENTS?

The estimated median home value within Manatee County increased from $169,000 in 2015 to $267,300 according to the 2017-2021 ACS, a 58% positive change. Over this same period, the County's contract rent increased by 46% from $814 to $1,190.

The County's median household income increased by 37.2% between the 2011-2015 ACS and the 2017-2021 ACS, from $49,675 to $68,172; while median home values and contract rent increased more dramatically (58% and 46% change, respectively) over that same period. The modest growth in incomes combined with the dramatic increase in home values and contract rent means that the cost of housing is likely unaffordable for most. This, combined with the County's lack of diverse housing types, could undermine affordability.

HOW DO HOME RENTS / FAIR MARKET RENT COMPARE TO AREA MEDIAN RENT? HOW MIGHT THIS IMPACT YOUR STRATEGY TO PRODUCE OR PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

The County's current median contract rent is estimated to be $1,190 (according to the 2017-2021 ACS). This median contract rent is lower than the Fair Market Rents for 2-bedroom, 3-bedroom, and 4-

bedroom units, but is higher than the Fair Market Rents for efficiency and 1-bedroom units. In terms of High HOME Rent, the trend is similar. The County's current median contract rent is lower than the Low HOME Rents for 4-bedroom units but is higher than the Low HOME Rents for all other unit sizes.

DISCUSSION

Within Manatee County, there is a potential shortage of units affordable to very-low and low-income households. While median household income has increased by about 37% since 2015, that increase has been outpaced by substantial increases in home values and contract rents (58% and 46%, respectively); therefore, housing has become increasingly unaffordable over the past seven to ten years. Moreover, there appears to be a lack of diversity in the number and types of housing units available.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

INTRODUCTION

This section describes the significant characteristics of the housing market in terms of supply, demand, condition, and the cost of housing. Additionally, it provides a summary of the housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities and persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions pertain to this section:

- "Standard condition" – A housing unit that meets HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and all applicable state and local codes.
- "Substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation" – A housing unit that contains one or more housing condition (defined below), contains a lead-based paint hazard, and/or is condemned as unfit for human habitation but is both structurally and financially feasible to rehabilitate.
- "Substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation" – A housing unit that contains one or more housing condition (defined below), contains a lead-based paint hazard, and/or is condemned as unfit for human habitation and is not structurally or financially feasible to rehabilitate.

Additionally, the term "abandoned vacant unit" is defined by HUD as:

- A housing unit that has been foreclosed upon and vacant for at least 90 days.
- A housing unit where no mortgage or tax payments have been made by the property owner for at least 90 days.
- A housing unit where a code enforcement inspection has determined that the property is not habitable, and the owner has taken no corrective actions within 90 days of the notification of the deficiencies.

TABLE 34: CONDITION OF UNITS

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	26,292	22.5%	19,603	49.4%
With two selected Conditions	445	<1%	1,766	4.4%
With three selected Conditions	42	<1%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	89,778	77.0%	18,328	46.2%
Total	116,557	100%	39,697	100%

Data Source: 2017-2021 ACS

Table 34 – Condition of Units

Table 34 shows the condition of occupied housing units within Manatee County, with a breakdown of owner-occupied units and renter-occupied units. As defined by HUD, a housing "condition" includes the following:

- A housing unit that lacks complete plumbing facilities
- A housing unit that lacks complete kitchen facilities
- A housing unit with more than one person per room
- A housing unit with a cost burden greater than 30% of the occupant's household income

According to 2017-2021 ACS data, the majority (77%) of owner-occupied housing units have no housing conditions. Of the remaining owner-occupied housing units, a significant number feature one housing condition (22.5%). Less than 1% have two housing conditions and three or more housing conditions.

Of the estimated 39,697 renter-occupied housing units in the County, half (49.4%) have one housing condition. Nearly half (46.2%) of renter-occupied units have no housing conditions. Only 4.4% of renter-

occupied units have two housing conditions and 0 have three housing conditions. No renter-occupied housing units have three or more housing conditions.

TABLE 35: YEAR UNIT BUILT

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	43,904	37.6%	10,588	26.7%
1980-1999	35,733	30.7%	13,274	33.4%
1950-1979	33,999	29.2%	14,488	36.5%
Before 1950	2,921	2.5%	1,347	3.4%
Total	116,557	100%	39,697	100%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*

Table 35 – Year Unit Built

The age of housing within Manatee County is detailed in **Table 35**, as supplied by the CHAS default data source. Of the 116,557 owner-occupied housing units, the majority (68.3%) were built after 1980. The remaining 31.7% was built before 1950. Of the 39,697 renter-occupied housing units, the majority were built between 1950 and 1999 (69.9%). Nearly 27% were built 2000 or later, and about 3.4% of renter-occupied units were built before 1950.

TABLE 36: RISK OF LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	36,920	31.6%	15,835	39.8%
Housing Units built before 1980 with children present	8,389	7.2%	5,152	12.9%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS (Total Units); 2013-2017 CHAS (Units with Children present)*

Table 36 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

The risk of lead-based paint hazards within Manatee County is estimated in **Table 36**. Because the actual number of housing units in the County with lead-based paint is not available, an assumption must be made. For the purposes of this plan, a housing unit built before 1980 is presumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint. Therefore, the table shows the total number of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units that were built before 1980, as well as those built before 1980 with children present. The data for this table is from the 2017-2021 ACS and 2013-2017 CHAS.

As shown in **Table 36**, over 31% of owner-occupied housing units in the County were built prior to 1980, while about 7% were built before 1980 and have children present. For renter-occupied housing units, nearly 40% were built prior to 1980, while about 13% were built prior to 1980 and have children present. Although there is a high percentage of housing units built before 1980, signifying a higher risk of lead-based paint, there is a low percentage of older housing units with children present. A slightly higher percentage of older housing units with children present are occupied by renters.

TABLE 37: VACANT UNITS

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	15,736	30,960	46,696
Abandoned Vacant Units	N/A	N/A	N/A
Real-Estate Owned (REO) Properties	N/A	N/A	N/A
Abandoned REO Properties	N/A	N/A	N/A

Data Source: 2017-2021 ACS (Vacant Units); RealtyTrac.com. Manatee County, FL. Date accessed: June 2023

Table 37 – Vacant Units

According to 2017-2021 ACS data, there are a total of 202,950 housing units within Manatee County. Of these, 46,696 or 23% are vacant. As defined in the American Community Survey, a housing unit is vacant if no one is living in it at the time of interview. Units occupied at the time of interview entirely by persons who are staying two months or less and who have a more permanent residence elsewhere are considered to be temporarily occupied and are classified as "vacant." Based on 2017-2021 ACS data and assuming that 33.7% of the County's occupied housing units were built before 1980; at least 15,736 17,775 vacant housing units may be suitable for rehabilitation. There is no data available for abandoned units.

The RealtyTrac.com foreclosure database accessed in June 2023 indicates that the county has 646 foreclosures, 11 bank owned properties, 57 headed for auction, and 1,167 properties for sale.

NEED FOR OWNER AND RENTAL REHABILITATION

In terms of housing quality, 22.5% of owner-occupied housing units in the County have at least one housing condition, while 49.4% of renter-occupied housing units have at least one housing condition (see **Table 34**). Relative to the age of housing, about 31.6% of the County's owner-occupied units were

built prior to 1980, while 39.8% of renter-occupied units were built prior to 1980 (see **Table 35**). Although the exact number of homes with lead-based paint is not known, it is assumed that housing units in the County built prior to 1980 have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for Manatee County to facilitate both owner and rental housing rehabilitation within its jurisdiction.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS OCCUPIED BY LOW- OR MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES WITH LBP HAZARDS

Table 36 notes that, in Manatee County, 36,920 owner-occupied housing units were built prior to 1980 and 15,835 renter-occupied housing units were built prior to 1980. These units are assumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards.

As of the 2017-2021 ACS, there are an estimated 156,254 occupied housing units within Manatee County. Approximately 52,755 or 33.7% of these housing units are assumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards. According to 2013-2017 CHAS data, approximately 44,635 low- or moderate-income households (earning less than or equal to 80% HAMFI) reside in Manatee County. Therefore, approximately 15,042 housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income families may have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards.

DISCUSSION

In terms of housing conditions, a greater percentage of renter units have housing conditions than owner-occupied units. However, while a third (31.6%) of the County's owner-occupied housing units were built before 1980, a larger percentage (39.8%) of the renter-occupied housing predates 1980. Due to the combination of housing conditions and unit age, there is a need for Manatee County to facilitate both owner-occupied and rental-unit rehabilitations.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

INTRODUCTION:

As was noted earlier in Section NA-35, the Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) administers housing assistance for low- and very low-income persons in the greater Manatee County area. The

operations of the MCHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

TABLE 38: TOTALS NUMBER OF UNITS

Program Type									
				Vouchers					
							Special Purpose Voucher		
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*
# of units vouchers available			80	1,276	15	1,261			
# of accessible units									

Data Source: *PIC (PIH Information Center)*
**Includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition*

Table 38 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

DESCRIBE THE SUPPLY OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The MCHA administers programs that deliver housing assistance to low- and very low-income persons in Manatee County and Bradenton area. These include public housing, tenant-based vouchers (Housing Choice Vouchers or HCVs), and special purpose voucher activities. Combined, these activities supply 1,356 publicly assisted housing units in the greater Manatee County.

DESCRIBE THE NUMBER AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS IN THE JURISDICTION, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN APPROVED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN

Table 38 shows the total number of units currently assisted by local, state or federally funded programs. Approximately 80 public housing units are programmed within Manatee County. Public housing units are provided at one (1) property, the Pine Village Subdivision.

Table 38 notes that there are approximately 1,261 tenant-based HCVs available, which are administered by the MCHA. These vouchers provide rental assistance to qualified very low-income families and very-

low-income elderly, disabled, handicapped and single persons. Vouchers typically cover 30% of adjusted gross income, total tenant payment or a payment standard. A security deposit, paid by the tenant, is required. There is typically a waiting list for such vouchers and the waiting list is currently closed. Additionally, the MCHA administers 15 project-based vouchers. Combined, the total number of HCVs administered is 1,276.

Table 39 shows the condition of public housing based on average inspection score. The Pine Village subdivision received an inspection score of 92 in October 2019.

TABLE 39: PUBLIC HOUSING CONDITION

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Pine Village Subdivision, 2803 46th Avenue Dr. W.	92

Data Source: *HUD 2019 Public Housing Property Physical Inspection Data for Researchers (Florida), version March 2021.*

Table 39 – Public Housing Condition

DESCRIBE THE RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION NEEDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS IN THE JURISDICTION

The MCHA and other non-profit and private housing providers in the community continuously seek to rehabilitate the supply of housing affordable to low- and very low-income persons. While the condition of public housing units is very good based on recent inspection scores, the overall condition of rental housing in Manatee County signifies the need for ongoing rehabilitation of rental units that may be available to tenant-based HCV recipients.

DESCRIBE THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY'S STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES RESIDING IN PUBLIC HOUSING

The mission of the MCHA is to ensure safe, decent and affordable housing; create opportunities for resident's self-sufficiency and economic independence; and assure fiscal integrity in all programs. The MCHA maintains a Resident Advisory Board, which meets regularly to discuss matters of administration of public housing and fair housing. The MCHA also maintains a Family Self-Sufficiency program available to residents of public housing. This program is available to residents of the Pine Village public housing development and is designed for families who are interested in becoming self-sufficient. Through this program, the MCHA provides one-on-one mentoring and guidance to help participants address such life challenges as finding childcare, locating transportation, finding a job or a better job than the one they

currently have, finding educational opportunities, improving credit, and overcoming a criminal background.

DISCUSSION:

The County works cooperatively with the MCHA, and private entities, in the provision of public and subsidized housing within Manistee County. The Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) is a high performing public housing authority. The MCHA has achieved a PHAS score that reflects excellent management in all areas of the Public Housing Program, which includes administration of self-sufficiency programs.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

INTRODUCTION

Critical to the success of homeless services is the capacity to coordinate systems of care beyond sheltering, healthcare, mental health counseling, employment, etc. and the ability to follow a case through myriad providers to ensure that individual or family is transitioned out of homelessness. Meeting homelessness challenges in Manatee County is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies, and organizations. The lead agency for collecting homeless data, conducting homeless needs assessments, and developing community supported homelessness strategies is the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (Suncoast Partnership) serves Manatee and Sarasota counties and supports a two-county Continuum of Care (CoC) that convenes service providers, community leaders, law enforcement, government, and homeless individuals to collaborate and coordinate services for the homeless.

The Suncoast Partnership is also recognized as the lead agency of the CoC and works collaboratively with the County on regional issues. The Suncoast Partnership is responsible for advancing community-wide efforts and conducting the Annual Point-In-Time (PIT) survey, which involves various partnering agencies. Most of the data utilized in this section of the Consolidated Plan was gathered from the Suncoast Partnership. HUD and the State of Florida publish CoC and statewide PIT findings annually. Manatee County is within HUD CoC Number FL-500 (Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC) for reporting purposes. Data related to facilities and housing targeted to homeless households are shown in **Table 40**.

TABLE 40: FACILITIES AND HOUSING TARGETED TO HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	130	N/A	185	208	N/A
Households with Only Adults	375	224	164	566	N/A
Chronically Homeless Households	N/A	N/A	N/A	273	N/A
Veterans	10	N/A	20	274	N/A
Unaccompanied Youth	32	N/A	9	0	N/A

Table 40 – Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source: *HUD 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report (Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC). https://files.hudexchange.info/reports/published/CoC_HIC_CoC_FL-500-2022_FL_2022.pdf*
** While no voucher/seasonal/overflow beds are specifically allocated to veterans, several organizations list veterans as a secondary target population.*

DESCRIBE MAINSTREAM SERVICES, SUCH AS HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO THE EXTENT THOSE SERVICES ARE USED TO COMPLEMENT SERVICES TARGETED TO HOMELESS PERSONS

Several mainstream providers offer services to the homeless population as well low- and moderate-income populations. These providers include, but are not limited to, the following organizations:

Medical/Healthcare Resources

- Manatee County Rural Health Services (multiple locations in Manatee County): Offers medical care at locations throughout Manatee County, including family practice, pediatrics, OB/GYN, chiropractic, dentistry, podiatry, mental health, wellness, infectious disease care, acute care, vision, internal medicine and lab services. A sliding fee scale is based on household income.
- We Care One Stop Clinic (300 Riverside Dr. E., Suite 2000, Bradenton, FL 34208): Prequalifies low-income citizens to receive specialized medical care donated by participating doctors in the community. The Agency also offers a Free Clinic at the One-Stop Center (701 17th Ave. W, Bradenton, FL 34205).

Mental Health Resources

- Centerstone (Formerly Manatee Glens) (2020 26th Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208): Provides free assessment and referral services and assists with mental health and substance abuse issues (alcoholism, drug abuse) affecting children and adults. Services are provided at various locations throughout the County.

Employment Resources

- Suncoast Community Capital (302 Manatee Avenue E. #240, Bradenton, FL 34208): Provides one-on-one small business (microenterprise) counseling and assistance, small business development classes and assistance, financial literacy education, free income tax preparation, Connect Your Community Digital Literacy classes, workforce readiness training, and referrals to Manatee Community Action Agency for family stability support services.
- Women's Resource Center (1926 Manatee Ave., W., Bradenton): Provides counseling, networking, computer and employment training/coaching, and a career closet to women in transition.

LIST AND DESCRIBE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS, PARTICULARLY CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH. IF THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES ARE LISTED ON SCREEN SP-40 INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE OR SCREEN MA-35 SPECIAL NEEDS FACILITIES AND SERVICES, DESCRIBE HOW THESE FACILITIES AND SERVICES SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THESE POPULATIONS

Several non-profit providers and faith-based organizations offer services to the homeless population, which include emergency shelter. These providers include, but are not limited to, the following organizations:

- Catholic Charities (1219 16th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34205): Provides a wide variety of programs and services for at-risk populations to help achieve self-sufficiency, including immigration information, help with credit issues, and emergency assistance funds when available.
- Family Resources, Inc. "SafePlace2B" (361 6th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205; 1001 9TH Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205): Provides counseling and emergency shelter for at-risk and unaccompanied youth.

- The Food Bank of Manatee (811 23rd Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208): Distributes food to non-profit agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, and churches, as well as infant care baskets with formula, diapers, wipes and other baby essentials.
- HOPE Family Services (Post Office Box 1624, Bradenton, FL 34206): Manatee County's domestic violence service provider, offers a myriad of services including emergency and transitional housing and counseling for homeless women and their children.
- Our Daily Bread (701 17th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34205): Provides free daily meals to homeless and hungry families at a location shared with Turning Points.
- Salvation Army of Manatee (1204 14th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34205): Provides emergency overnight shelter, as available, for men, women and children, as well as self-sufficiency counseling, transitional housing for families with children, food pantry, etc.
- Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center, 1750 17th St., K-1, Sarasota, FL 34234): The designated Continuum of Care (CoC) agency dealing with homelessness and homeless prevention issues in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.
- Turning Points (701 17th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34205): Helps low-income individuals and families at-risk of homelessness or in transition from homelessness to housing. Both case management and financial assistance is provided. Turning Points also coordinates a One-Stop Center that provides homeless information and referral, day resource services, and rental assistance.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

INTRODUCTION

This section describes facilities and services that assist persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing and programs. These populations may include elderly and frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS, or other groups. Such facilities and services include units that are barrier-free and physically accessible, units with on-site supportive services such as case management, counseling and healthcare, and units that are affordable to persons on a fixed or limited income.

INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, FRAIL ELDERLY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (MENTAL, PHYSICAL, DEVELOPMENTAL), PERSONS WITH ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUG ADDICTIONS, PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS AND ANY OTHER CATEGORIES THE JURISDICTION MAY SPECIFY, AND DESCRIBE THEIR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NEEDS

Elderly & Frail Elderly

The elderly, and particularly the frail elderly, require supportive housing, including units that are barrier-free and accessible to the disabled, units with on-site supportive services, and units that are affordable to persons on a fixed-income. The elderly population with housing needs continue to be an area of focus in Manatee County. CDBG funds may be used to provide assistance with maintenance so that the elderly can remain in their homes for as long as possible. Those with fixed incomes, such as the elderly and disabled, are particularly impacted by the rising costs of fuel, utilities, and food. There are not enough resources or funds to provide for this population; however, several organizations in Manatee County, such as Manatee County's Aging and Elderly Services/Elder Helpline, Myakka County Community Center, and Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee offer assistance.

Persons with Disabilities (Mental, Physical, Developmental)

Disabled persons require barrier-free housing that is also affordable. Accessibility retrofits tend to be expensive and homes with such features tend to be higher in value. In contrast, income levels for the disabled (mentally, physically or developmentally) tend to be lower than median area income, resulting in affordability concerns. While new multi-family units are required to have accessibility for such populations, older units tend to be lacking such features. Moreover, persons with mental or developmental disabilities often require supportive housing that includes on-site services. Several organizations exist within Manatee County to serve this population, including Lighthouse of Manasota, Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Suncoast Center for Independent Living, Inc. among others.

Persons with Alcohol or Drug Addictions

Persons with addictions may require temporary housing and treatment. This type of housing can include beds for extended stay and counseling rooms for on-site services. In Florida, services for persons with alcohol or drug addictions are coordinated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) program in the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). Additionally, there are several organizations within Manatee County that provide substance abuse services. These include Manatee County Rural Health Services, We Care, and Centerstone.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

Persons living with HIV/AIDS face particular challenges with regard to supportive housing. Many are experiencing physical disability, loss of employment, and lack of income resulting in a need for more stable housing. Manatee County does not receive an annual allocation of Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA); however, several organizations exist within Manatee County to serve this population, including the Florida Department of Health in Manatee County, and the Michael Bach Health Center of Manatee County Rural Health Center, among others.

Other Groups

Persons leaving a violent domestic situation are often homeless at first. The availability of emergency and transitional housing is critical to prevent their return to such a situation. Most of the needs for this group are related to shelter and counseling. Runaway youth require similar housing and counseling services. In Manatee County, such services are provided by HOPE Family Services.

DESCRIBE PROGRAMS FOR ENSURING THAT PERSONS RETURNING FROM MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS RECEIVE APPROPRIATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Households with mental or physical health issues face barriers to safe, decent and affordable housing. Often, persons with mental or physical issues are discharged from institutions, but are then unable to find independent housing that they can afford or reasonably maintain. A number of homeless people have been discharged from institutions with no other housing options.

Manatee County will work with Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the County's designated Continuum of Care lead agency and other homeless service providers to implement a cohesive, community-wide discharge coordination policy that can be successfully implemented to ensure that persons being discharged from publicly funded agencies and institutions do not become homeless upon release. Programs currently meeting such need include Turning Points, Our Daily Bread, The Salvation Army, and Catholic Charities.

SPECIFY THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE JURISDICTION PLANS TO UNDERTAKE DURING THE NEXT YEAR TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 91.215(E) WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT HOMELESS BUT HAVE OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS. LINK TO ONE-YEAR GOALS. 91.315(E)

Manatee County seeks to assist low-income households with their housing and community development needs, and the following FY 2023/2024 activities may also support persons with special needs. These activities include:

- Manatee County Homeowner Rehabilitation Program
- Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Housing Preservation
- Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. - Unfunded Senior Meals
- AMFM Enterprise, Inc. - Allean's Loving Care

FOR ENTITLEMENT/CONSORTIA GRANTEES: SPECIFY THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE JURISDICTION PLANS TO UNDERTAKE DURING THE NEXT YEAR TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 91.215(E) WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT HOMELESS BUT HAVE OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS. LINK TO ONE-YEAR GOALS. (91.220(2))

See response, above (previous question and response).

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

DESCRIBE ANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PUBLIC POLICIES ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT.

This section requires the jurisdiction to explain whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies include land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.

Manatee County has several programs that it utilizes to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing. These programs are documented in the County's FY 2018-2021 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) and the related Manatee County 2014 Local Housing Incentives Strategies (LHIS) report.

Potential barriers and corresponding incentives to affordable housing, as identified in the County's LHAP and LHIS documents, include the following:

- Barrier: Complex and timely development application review processes – Incentive: Processing of approval of development orders or permits for affordable housing is expedited to a greater degree than other projects.
- Barrier: Onerous impact fee requirements – Incentive: Modification of impact-fee requirements, including reduction or waiver of fees and alternative methods of fee payment for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Density restrictions – Incentive: Allowance of flexibility in densities for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Limited infrastructure capacity – Incentive: Reservation of infrastructure capacity for very low-income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons.
- Barrier: Zoning limitations for alternative housing units – Incentive: Allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts.
- Barrier: Onerous parking and setback requirements – Incentive: Reduction of parking and setback requirements for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Restrictive lot configurations – Incentive: Allowance of flexible lot configurations, including zero-lot-line configurations for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Onerous street requirements – Incentive: Modification of street requirements for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Policies that inadvertently increase the cost of housing – Incentive: Establishment of a process by which Manatee County considers, before adoption, policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that increase the cost of housing.
- Barrier: Limited suitable land availability – Incentive: Preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public lands suitable for affordable housing.
- Barrier: Distance from employment and transportation – Incentive: Support of development near transportation hubs, major employment centers, and mixed-use developments.

In general, Manatee County will continue to work with non-profit housing developers and providers to increase the amount of affordable housing. The County will do this primarily through the Community and Veterans Services Department, its Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), and through

regular preparation of its LHAP and LHIS reports for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

INTRODUCTION

The Consolidated Plan provides a concise summary of the County's priority non-housing community development needs that are eligible for assistance. The following section describes the economic development needs of Manatee County.

This section also provides data regarding the local economic condition of the jurisdiction and compares the ability of the local work force to satisfy the needs of local businesses. Much of this data can be used to describe the level of housing demand in the local market.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Business by Sector
- Labor Force
- Occupations by Sector
- Travel Time to Work
- Educational Attainment
- Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
- Additional Narrative

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKET ANALYSIS

TABLE 41: BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,187	4,768	1%	4%	3%
Construction	14,024	12,037	8%	9%	1%
Manufacturing	11,960	8,756	7%	7%	0%
Wholesale trade	4,266	4,461	3%	3%	1%
Retail trade	22,461	17,216	13%	13%	0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	7,906	4,152	5%	3%	-1%
Information	2,540	1,084	2%	1%	-1%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	11,832	5,916	7%	5%	-2%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	22,370	15,386	13%	12%	-1%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	35,337	28,283	21%	22%	1%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	18,739	16,691	11%	13%	2%
Other services, except public administration	9,209	4,379	5%	3%	-2%
Public administration	7,081	5,606	4%	4%	0%
Total	168,912	128,735	100%	100%	N/A

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS (Workers, Age 16 and Over), 2020 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs, All)*

Table 41 – Business Activity

Information provided in **Table 41** identifies workers and jobs within Manatee County by sector. This information is divided into 13 sectors by number of workers, number of jobs and then calculations of the ratio of workers to jobs by business sector. According to the 2017-2021 ACS, there are 168,912 workers within all business sectors identified in Manatee County. The number of jobs within all sectors is estimated to be 128,735 according to the 2020 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The largest share of workers is within the Education and Health Care Services sector (21%). Workers in the Retail Trade sector and Professional, Scientific, and Management sector comprise 13% and 13% shares respectively. Workers in the Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction sector and Information sectors comprise the smallest percentage or workers (1% and 2%, respectively).

Regarding the share of jobs, the largest share of jobs is within the Education and Health Care Services sector (22%). Jobs in the Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations sector (13%), Retail Trade sector (13%), and Professional, Scientific, and Management sector (13%) are also well-represented. The Wholesale Trade sector and the Information sector account for the smallest percentages of jobs (3% and 1%, respectively.).

By comparing the share of workers to share of jobs, it can be determined within which sectors there are deficiencies to be addressed. The calculation of "jobs less workers" is the percentage of jobs less the percentage of workers. A negative number reflects an oversupply of labor for the sector. As **Table 41** shows, within Manatee County there are fewer jobs than workers within five (5) business sectors: Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities; Information; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Management; and Other Services, except Public Administration. This means that workers in these business sectors may have more difficulty finding a job that matches their skillset. In contrast, there may be more jobs than workers in five (5) business sectors: Agriculture, Mining, Oil, and Gas Extraction, etc.; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Educational Services, Health care, and Social Assistance; and Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations. These are estimates of sectors that may have more jobs than workers, though the data currently shows that there are fewer jobs than workers in Manatee County and the only sector with an oversupply of jobs is Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining, gas extraction. However, for sectors with an oversupply of jobs, workers from outside Manatee County may be meeting the needs of the local job market for these sectors.

TABLE 42: LABOR FORCE

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force*	178,700
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	168,912
Unemployment Rate	5.5%
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	15.75%
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.6%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*
**Universe: population 16 years and over*

Table 42 – Labor Force

Table 42 portrays the labor force within Manatee County. According to the 2017-2021 ACS, the total population within the County in the civilian labor force is 178,700. This number includes the number of

civilian workers plus those actively seeking employment and does not include those who are not actively seeking employment.

The number of the civilian population 16 years and over who are employed totals 168,912. According to 2017-2021 ACS estimates, the County's unemployment rate is approximately 5.5%. The unemployment rate for ages 16-24 is much higher than for the County as a whole. The unemployment rate for those between the ages of 16-24 is approximately 15.75% while for ages 25-65 the unemployment rate is approximately 4.6%.

TABLE 43: OCCUPATIONS BY SECTOR

Occupations by Sector	Number of People*	Median Earnings ($)
Management, business and financial	62,679	$56,832
Farming, fisheries, and forestry occupations	945	$22,055
Service	32,931	$23,331
Sales and office	39,660	$33,661
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair	14,601	$39,021
Production, transportation, and material moving	18,096	$30,881

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*
**Universe: Civilian employed population 16 years and over with earnings (past 12 months)*

Table 43 – Occupations by Sector

Table 43 displays occupations by Sector within Manatee County according to the 2017-2021 ACS. Management, business and financial occupations account for the largest number of occupations with 62,679 people. The service sector and sales and office sector are also well-represented. The least represented sector in Manatee County is farming, fisheries and forestry. Of these occupations, median earnings are highest in the management, business, and financial occupations ($56,832), whereas median earnings are lowest in the farming, fisheries, and forestry occupations ($22,055).

TABLE 44: TRAVEL TIME

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	87,984	59.6%
30-59 Minutes	50,297	34.1%
60 or More Minutes	9,316	6.3%
Total	147,597	100%

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*

Table 44 – Travel Time

As shown in **Table 44**, for the population not working at home, the vast majority of Manatee County residents commute less than 30 minutes to work (59.6%). A notable percentage travel 30-59 minutes (34.1%) with a small percentage commuting more than one hour (6.3%). Seventy-nine (83.9%) percent of Manatee County workers drive to work alone and 12.1% carpool. According to 2017-2021 ACS estimates, for those who commute to work the average travel time is 25.8 minutes (less than 30 minutes) one-way.

EDUCATION:

TABLE 45: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (POPULATION 16 AND OLDER)

Educational Attainment*	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	11,605	877	8,087
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	36,655	2,322	14,112
Some college or Associate's degree	42,010	1,668	13,793
Bachelor's degree or higher	44,922	1,291	12,061

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*
**Universe: population 25 to 64 years (Civilian)*

Table 45 – Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Table 45 displays educational attainment by employment status for the population 25 to 64 years of age. Within Manatee County, the highest numbers of employed are those with a bachelor's degree or higher (42,922), those with some college or an associate's degree (42,010) and those with a high school degree (36,655). In contrast, only 11,605 of the civilian employed population in the labor force never graduated from high school.

The highest numbers of unemployed are high school graduates (2,322) and those with some college or an Associate's degree (1,668). Approximately 14.2% of the civilian unemployed population in the labor force never graduated from high school; whereas 20.9% of the civilian unemployed population in the labor force has a Bachelor's degree or higher.

TABLE 46: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY AGE

	Age*				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	448	1218	2,584	4,075	2,704
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,469	3,119	2,504	7,069	5,682
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	8,951	12,351	9,460	30,426	34,191
Some college, no degree	6,780	8,943	7,464	21,903	20,883
Associate's degree	2,452	3,695	4,513	11,081	7,656
Bachelor's degree	2,263	8,514	9,174	20,446	19,997
Graduate or professional degree	230	3,078	5,553	11,576	17,395

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*
**Universe: population age 18 years and over*

Table 46 – Educational Attainment by Age

Table 46 shows Educational Attainment by Age. A small population over the age of 18 (33,872 or 10.5%) in Manatee County did not graduate from high school. Half of adults (161,352 or 49.9%) graduated from high school or have some college education but no college degree. Combined, over 60% of the population 18 years or older (195,224 adults) do not have a college degree. An estimated 127,623 or 39.5% adults have an associate, bachelors, graduate or professional degree.

TABLE 47: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT – MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months ($)
Less than high school graduate	$28,185
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	$31,427
Some college or Associate's degree	$38,723
Bachelor's degree	$51,428
Graduate or professional degree	$63,415

Data Source: *2017-2021 ACS*
**Universe = population 25 years and over w/earnings*
***2021 inflation-adjusted dollars*

Table 47 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Table 47 identifies income over a 12-month period as it relates to educational attainment in Manatee County. The data shown is sourced from 2017-2021 ACS estimates. Greater educational attainment strongly correlates with increased income. In Manatee County, persons having a graduate or professional degree have an estimated median income of $63,415 and persons having a Bachelor's degree have a median income of $51,428. In contrast, persons with some college or an Associate's degree have a median of $38,723. Similarly, those with a high school diploma or equivalency have a

median income of $31,427 and those without a high school diploma or equivalency have a median income of $28,185. The greatest gains in median earnings are made for persons with a Bachelor's degree (32.8% increase in median earnings compared to having only some college or an Associate's degree). Having a Bachelor's degree corresponds to an 82.5% increase in median earnings compared to having no high school diploma.

BASED ON THE BUSINESS ACTIVITY TABLE ABOVE, WHAT ARE THE MAJOR EMPLOYMENT SECTORS WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION?

The major employment sectors in Manatee County are Education and Health Care Services; Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations; Professional, Scientific, and Management, etc.; and Retail Trade. Combined, these four employment sectors represent over half (59%) of all available jobs in Manatee County.

DESCRIBE THE WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY:

The data show that there may be more jobs than workers in five business sectors: Agriculture, Mining, Oil, and Gas Extraction, etc.; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Educational Services, Health care, and Social Assistance; and Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations. These are estimates of sectors that may have more jobs than workers, though the data currently shows that there are fewer jobs than workers in Manatee County and the only sector with an oversupply of jobs is Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining, gas extraction. However, for sectors with an oversupply of jobs, workers from outside Manatee County may be meeting the needs of the local job market for these sectors.

Of the civilian unemployed labor force in Manatee County, only 20.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Of the total population age 18 and older, only 30.4% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Since a large percentage of Manatee County's population lacks a college education, there may be a demand for adult basic education, workforce training and other education opportunities to better match the needs of employers with employees skilled in areas such as agriculture/mining, retail and wholesale trade, education, healthcare, arts/entertainment, and the hospitality industry. While some jobs in education or the arts may require a Bachelor's degree or higher, many jobs in the agriculture/mining, trade, healthcare, and hospitality sectors only require a high school diploma or equivalency, some college, or an Associate's degree. With that, there are a number of private and public educational institutions, as well as workforce training initiatives, available in Manatee County to address this need.

DESCRIBE ANY MAJOR CHANGES THAT MAY HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT, SUCH AS PLANNED LOCAL OR REGIONAL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS OR INITIATIVES THAT HAVE AFFECTED OR MAY AFFECT JOB AND BUSINESS GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE PLANNING PERIOD. DESCRIBE ANY NEEDS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS SUPPORT OR INFRASTRUCTURE THESE CHANGES MAY CREATE.

Manatee County competes for business development with adjacent counties and the region. Thus, the County must position itself to facilitate economic development. Industry promotion, technical support, and neighborhood revitalization and redevelopment projects are priorities for the County. Manatee County will continue to support economic development through the implementation of several programs, including Brownfields redevelopment, Southwest District (SWD) (which includes two former Community Redevelopment Areas or CRAs), Transportation Concurrency Exception Areas (TCEAs), and Florida International Gateway Improvement District, among others. The SWD and Gateway District finances improvements to the South County and Port Manatee areas and considers incentives for projects that provide catalytic change. The County also provides business assistance, including emergency recovery information. Through the Manatee County Scoping and Rapid Response Services Team, and in coordination with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation, the County aims to facilitate projects and sites that expand the commercial base, attract and retain young professionals, and promote economic opportunity.

HOW DO THE SKILLS AND EDUCATION OF THE CURRENT WORKFORCE CORRESPOND TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JURISDICTION?

Within five (5) business sectors there is a potential oversupply of labor where there are more workers than jobs: Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities; Information; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Management; and Other Services, except Public Administration. This means that workers in these business sectors may have more difficulty finding a job that matches their skillset. Some of these sectors, along with the education sector, generally require an educated workforce with a college degree, which corresponds to the educational attainment of 30.4% of the adult population.

In contrast, there are fewer workers than jobs within five business sectors: Agriculture, Mining, Oil, and Gas Extraction, etc.; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Educational Services, Health care, and Social Assistance; and Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations. This means that workers from outside of Manatee County may be meeting the employment needs of these business sectors. These sectors, along

with the healthcare and retail trade sectors, may only require a high school diploma or equivalency, some college, or an Associate's degree, which corresponds to the educational attainment of 49.9% of the adult population.

DESCRIBE ANY CURRENT WORKFORCE TRAINING INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THOSE SUPPORTED BY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. DESCRIBE HOW THESE EFFORTS WILL SUPPORT THE JURISDICTION'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

The County continues to collaborate with Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation and Manatee Chamber of Commerce on economic development activities to better market to, attract, and retain businesses and develop the County's resident workforce. The following workforce training initiatives are available to residents of Manatee County:

- CareerSource Suncoast
- Community Colleges (i.e., State College of Florida; Manatee County Technical College, USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus, etc.)
- Jobs, Etc. Employment and Training Center
- Suncoast Community Capital

These initiatives support the development of a skilled workforce to meet the employment demands of the market.

DOES YOUR JURISDICTION PARTICIPATE IN A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)?

Yes, through the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's 2023-2027 Tampa Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning document that includes Manatee County and its jurisdictions. Additionally, Manatee County annually conducts a local government economic development incentives survey and regularly coordinates with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation on their annual planning efforts.

IF SO, WHAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES ARE YOU UNDERTAKING THAT MAY BE COORDINATED WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN? IF NOT, DESCRIBE OTHER LOCAL/REGIONAL PLANS OR INITIATIVES THAT IMPACT ECONOMIC GROWTH.

Manatee County's opportunities for growth and reinvestment occur in the form of redevelopment and related economic incentives. The following are priority activities to attract more business and create more jobs in Manatee County:

- Florida International Gateway/Planned Development-Encouragement Zone
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts (e.g. Southwest TIF District)
- Transportation Concurrency Exception Areas (TCEA)
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Scoping and Rapid Response Services Team
- Business Emergency Recovery Directory

DISCUSSION

According to the 2017-2021 ACS, the Manatee County civilian labor force is comprised of approximately 178,700 people, of which approximately 94.5% are employed and 5.5% are unemployed. The largest labor (i.e., workers) sectors in Manatee County are education and healthcare; retail trade; and professional, scientific, and management. More than half of workers are in these sectors.

Like in most communities, higher median earnings generally correlate with higher education. The highest median earnings in Manatee County are in occupations such as management, business, and financial, while the lowest median earnings are in farming, fisheries, and forestry occupations.

Approximately 29.5% of Manatee County's adult population has a high school diploma or equivalent, and only 30.4% of the County's population has a Bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. While there may be a need for workforce training, there are also several workforce training initiatives in Manatee County to meet this need.

Approximately 59.6% of Manatee County's population drives less than 30 minutes to get to work, and approximately 34.1% of Manatee County's population drives less than one hour to get to work. This means that most employees live within Manatee County or adjacent counties.

The County has several initiatives in place to promote economic opportunity, including TIF, TCEA, and other redevelopment incentives. The County continues to coordinate with local and regional economic development agencies, including the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

ARE THERE AREAS WHERE HOUSEHOLDS WITH MULTIPLE HOUSING PROBLEMS ARE CONCENTRATED? (INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF "CONCENTRATION")

In the past five years, the County focused the majority of its CDBG-funded activities in eligible block groups (i.e., areas of low- and moderate-income concentration). Generally, these same areas are also disproportionately affected by housing problems, such as overcrowding, substandard conditions, or significant cost burden.

According to the HUD CPD Maps tool, **Table 48** shows the Census Tracts that have concentrations of housing problems (i.e., more than half of extremely low-income, low-income, or moderate-income households residing therein have some type of housing problem):

TABLE 48: CONCENTRATIONS OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH HOUSING PROBLEMS

% of Households w/Housing Problems	Extremely Low-Income Households	Low-Income Households	Moderate-Income Households
50 - 75%	17.04, 18.00, 16.01, 14.04, 13.00, 19.04, 19.08, 19.10, 20.07, 20.08, 8.09, 8.07, 20.11, 7.05, 8.03, 8.04, 7.04, 7.03, 1.01, 1.03, 1.05, 1.06, 6.03, 6.04, 5.03, 5.04, 4.06, 12.03, 4.07, 4.03, 11.07, 11.04, 11.05, 3.09, 3.10, 3.07, 3.08, 10.00, 3.06, 3.05	14.04, 15.02, 19.07, 19.11, 19.13, 20.13, 20.03, 7.03, 1.03, 5.03, 4.05, 12.02, 12.04, 4.03, 4.08, 11.06, 11.04, 11.05, 3.07, 9.01, 9.02, 8.05, 8.08, 8.09, 20.05, 20.16, 20.15, 18.00, 17.01	20.07, 20.15, 20.16, 8.10, 8.05, 11.04, 17.03, 17.04
>75%	19.13, 19.11, 19.07, 15.02, 20.03, 12.02, 4.05, 5.01, 6.01, 4.08, 11.06, 9.02, 8.05, 8.08, 8.10, 20.17, 20.15, 17.03, 17.01	5.01, 6.01, 8.10, 20.17, 17.03, 17.04	20.17

Source: *HUD CPD Maps, Accessed June 2023*

Table 48 – Concentrations of Households with Housing Problems

Because of the age of Manatee County's housing stock, housing problems are distributed throughout the County's limits. Geographically, housing problems affecting extremely low-income households are widespread. The majority of extremely low-income households have some type of housing problem, regardless of their location. Housing problems affecting low-income households are also widespread, but only half a dozen Census Tracts have a concentration of housing problems greater than 75% of low-income households. Housing problems affecting greater than 75% of moderate-income households are most concentrated to only one Census Tracts (20.17), which corresponds to a tract west of I-75 in East County.

ARE THERE ANY AREAS IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE RACIAL OR ETHNIC MINORITIES OR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ARE CONCENTRATED? (INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF "CONCENTRATION")

The lowest income areas of Manatee County are most affected by housing problems and in need of community investment. Unfortunately, these areas are widespread. Sixty-six of the County's Block Groups have a low- and moderate-income population of 51% or greater. These block groups are distributed throughout the County.

An area of concentration is defined herein as an area where a certain group (racial, ethnic, or income) comprises a percentage of the population that is 10 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. Nine Census Tracts meet this definition for race. Census Tracts 1.03, 1.05, 3.05, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05, 8.03, 15.01, and 15.02 have a population that is 10% or greater than 8.3% Black/African American jurisdictional percentage, according to HUD CPD Maps, Accessed June 2023. Ten Census Tracts are greater than 26.7% Hispanic according to HUD CPD Maps, Accessed June 2023. In contrast, the County of Manatee County as a whole is 16.7% Hispanic. Census Tracts with greater concentrations of racial and ethnic minorities correspond to primarily portions of East Bradenton, and Palmetto.

Although these concentrations exist, the data provided in the Market Analysis show that all residents of low- and moderate-income, regardless of race or ethnicity, may have significant housing needs.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MARKET IN THESE AREAS/NEIGHBORHOODS?

The County's R/ECAPs are characterized by older housing stock, a predominance of rental units, and property values that are generally depressed in comparison to the balance of the County. For all

R/ECAPs, a large percentage of the population is considered low- to moderate-income and a significant percentage of the population is living below poverty level.

ARE THERE ANY COMMUNITY ASSETS IN THESE AREAS/NEIGHBORHOODS?

Like in many neighborhoods, the residents themselves, through the public participation process advocated for economic development. Organization at the neighborhood-level combined with other means, including CDBG assistance, is the primary asset for positive change in Manatee County's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

ARE THERE OTHER STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES IN ANY OF THESE AREAS?

Strategic financial support of community development projects such as public facilities, utilities and infrastructure, sidewalk and street improvements, blight elimination, and regular code enforcement will benefit these areas the most. Additionally, underutilized, or vacant properties in the South County area may be pursued for redevelopment through the County's TIF district.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing Occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households – 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

DESCRIBE THE NEED FOR BROADBAND WIRING AND CONNECTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS. INCLUDING LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Fixed Broadband Deployment Map, accessed in June 2023, nearly all of the Manatee County has four or more fixed residential broadband providers throughout the County. One impediment to broadband access within low- and moderate-income households is the ability to afford monthly fees along with purchasing of equipment (computers, smartphones, tablets, and routers).

DESCRIBE THE NEED FOR INCREASED COMPETITION BY HAVING MORE THAN ONE BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SERVE THE JURISDICTION.

As stated above, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Fixed Broadband Deployment Map accessed in June of 2023, Manatee County has four or more fixed residential broadband providers throughout the City; therefore, there is already competition in the area. Some areas have as many as 6 or more providers.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation – 91.210(A)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

DESCRIBE THE JURISDICTION'S INCREASED NATURAL HAZARD RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CLIMATE CHANGE.

According to the Climate Science Special Report Fourth National Climate Assessment, Southeast communities will see an increase in average temperature in both the winter months and summer months. Increased heat wave intensity and frequency, impacts of sea level rise, increasing temperatures, extreme heat events, heavy precipitation, and decreased water availability will have impacts on physical infrastructure and public health.

Increases in precipitation are also likely. Given that Manatee is largely developed, it may experience greater risks of flooding due to the high amounts of impervious surface. This is especially true for the coastal areas of the county, which will suffer the impacts of sea level rise, and extreme tropical storms. These trends are expected to continue, causing erosion, declining water quality, and negative impacts on transportation, agriculture, human health, and infrastructure.

DESCRIBE THE VULNERABILITY TO THESE RISKS OF HOUSING OCCUPIED BY LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ON AN ANALYSIS OF DATA, FINDINGS, AND METHODS.

As mentioned above, as climate change progresses Southeast communities may see an increase in temperatures, increase in precipitation, and more extreme storm events. This poses a threat to all housing within Southeast communities. Housing located in proximity to coasts, waterways, and floodplain area could be at increased risk of flood damage, especially in areas with high amounts of impervious surfaces. Major storms and high winds may pose a threat to housing as well.

Strategic Plan





SP-05 Overview

STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

The Consolidated Plan process requires the County to identify priority needs and a Strategic Plan to meet those needs over the next five years. For every priority, there are goals and objectives established to measure progress, as well as strategies to address them. There are five major topics that were focused on in this Consolidated Plan:

- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness
- Social/Public Services
- Community Development/Public Improvements
- Economic Development

Housing Needs

The Housing topic is focused on the physical state and tenure of housing in Manatee County and ways that federal and local resources can be used to address housing issues. Based on input and data received through the public involvement process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Affordable housing (increase supply)
- Multi-Family development near community assets
- Scattered site single-family development
- Quality of rental housing
- Elimination/Repurposing of blighted/abandoned structures
- Rehabilitation of older units (make ADA accessible)
- Long waiting lists for existing housing programs
- Housing and programs for homeless, special needs, and ex-offenders
- Fair Housing

Considering these priorities, the following draft goals and objectives are recommended:

GOAL: Increase Access to Affordable Housing

Improve availability, accessibility, and condition of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income and special needs households throughout Manatee County.

Objective 1:

Increase the supply of affordable housing units.

Objective 2:

Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing stock for low- and moderate-income and special needs households.

Objective 3:

Provide rental and utility assistance to low- and moderate-income and special needs households.

Objective 4:

Assist low- and moderate-income and special needs households to become homeowners.

Objective 5:

Provide Fair Housing outreach and education.

Homelessness and Social/Public Services

Meeting social and public service needs of Manatee County residents is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies and organizations. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness assists in conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. There are many other non-profit agencies

along with County Departments that provide an array of services to individuals and families throughout Manatee County. In developing priority Homelessness and Social/Public Service needs, Manatee County did research and outreach through the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and many other social/public service providers, as well as the citizens of Manatee County and stakeholders through public meetings, focus group meetings, and survey instruments.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified are services such as:

- Senior Services
- Mental Health Services
- Youth Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Homeless Shelters, Services, and Prevention
- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Affordable Child Care

Considering these priorities, the following draft goals and objectives are recommended:

GOAL: Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County

Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to Manatee County low and moderate-income and special needs populations.

Objective 1:

Provide outreach and supportive services to individuals living in streets.

Objective 2:

Provide short-term and medium-term housing assistance to at-risk populations.

Objective 3:

Expand capacity of homeless shelters to prevent individuals from living in streets.

Objective 4:

Expand supply of transitional and permanent supportive housing to at-risk populations.

GOAL: Support Healthcare and Wellbeing Activities for Special Needs Populations

Enhance the living environment of persons of low and moderate income and special needs populations through public improvement activities.

Objective 1:

Provide elderly independent living support services.

Objective 2:

Provide access to health and dental care activities for underinsured individuals.

Objective 3:

Support substance abuse and mental health activities for low- and moderate-income and at-risk populations.

Community Development/Public Improvement Needs

Community Development/Public Improvements is a broad category of spending that covers many types of public facilities and improvements such as roads, sewer improvements, water improvements, wastewater improvements, lighting, drainage, community centers, parks, and virtually any other public project that benefits low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Based on the needs assessment, input received through the citizen participation process, including public meetings, the following community development/public improvement needs were identified:

- Youth Centers/Senior Centers

- Road Resurfacing/Construction
- Sidewalks
- Transportation Options and Services

Considering these priorities, the following draft goals and objectives are recommended:

GOAL: Expand Community Development Strategies

Improve public safety conditions for Manatee County citizens in low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 1:

Improve infrastructure conditions and living environments within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 2:

Improve existing, or develop new, public facilities that service both low- and moderate-income areas or special needs populations, or that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Objective 3:

Improve public safety and emergency preparedness within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 4:

Support local businesses in low- and moderate-income areas, and the preservation or restoration of structures of historical significance.

Objective 5:

Eliminate blight within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Economic Development Needs

Economic Development Needs is a category that applies to assisting low- and moderate- income populations and areas with economic opportunity. The category covers tops such as commercial

building improvements, job training/education, and programs that assist low- and moderate- income persons with seeking and retaining employment. These specific services are often provided by non-profit agencies or for-profit business, but also could be provided through Manatee County programs.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Economic Development
- Employment Training
- Redevelopment of vacant/abandoned shopping centers
- Availability of resources for entrepreneurship and small business development

Considering these priorities, the following draft goals and objectives are recommended:

GOAL: Provide Access to Supportive Services & Economic Development Opportunities

Support programs that create economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons or within the designated low and moderate-income areas.

Objective 1:

Support programs for youth education, recreation, wellbeing, and protection.

Objective 2:

Enhance access to job readiness and skills training programs for low- and moderate-income individuals, at-risk youth, and individuals exiting the judicial system.

Objective 3:

Support programs that provide social services and transportation to special needs populations including, but not limited to, frail/elderly, at-risk youth, individuals exiting the judicial system, disabled persons, persons living with HIV/AIDS, severe mental illness, and persons with substance abuse.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities

GENERAL ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the County.

Manatee has designated low- and moderate- income census block groups with the highest percentages of low- and moderate- income households as "Target Areas". The Community Block Grant Development (CDBG) program requires that each CDBG-funded activity must meet one of the HUD defined National Objectives which are:

- Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons,
- Preventing or eliminating blight, or
- Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51% of the area's residents must be low- and moderate- income or the area must obtain a slum/blight area designation.

Some CDBG assisted activities, such as parks, neighborhood facilities, community centers and streets, serve an identified geographic area. These activities generally meet the low- and moderate-income principal benefit requirement if 51 percent of the residents in the activity's service area are low- and moderate- income.

The Low- and Moderate- Income Areas Map shows all census block groups in which the majority of the population have incomes below the 80% AMI threshold. Each of these areas meets the eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income area benefit.

Among the areas identified as target areas, Manatee County has identified areas known as Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs) as target areas. HUD has developed a census tract-based definition of R/ECAPs. The definition involves a racial/ethnic concentration threshold and a poverty test. The racial/ethnic concentration threshold is straightforward: R/ECAPs must have a non-white population of 50 percent or more. Regarding the poverty threshold, HUD defines neighborhoods of extreme poverty as census tracts with 40 percent or more of individuals living at or below the poverty line. Because overall poverty levels are substantially lower in many parts of the

country, HUD supplements this with an alternate criterion. Thus, a neighborhood can be a R/ECAP if it has a poverty rate that exceeds 40% or is three or more times the average tract poverty rate for the metropolitan/micropolitan area, whichever threshold is lower. Census tracts with this extreme poverty that satisfy the racial/ethnic concentration threshold are deemed R/ECAPs.

MAP 2 – Target Areas Map

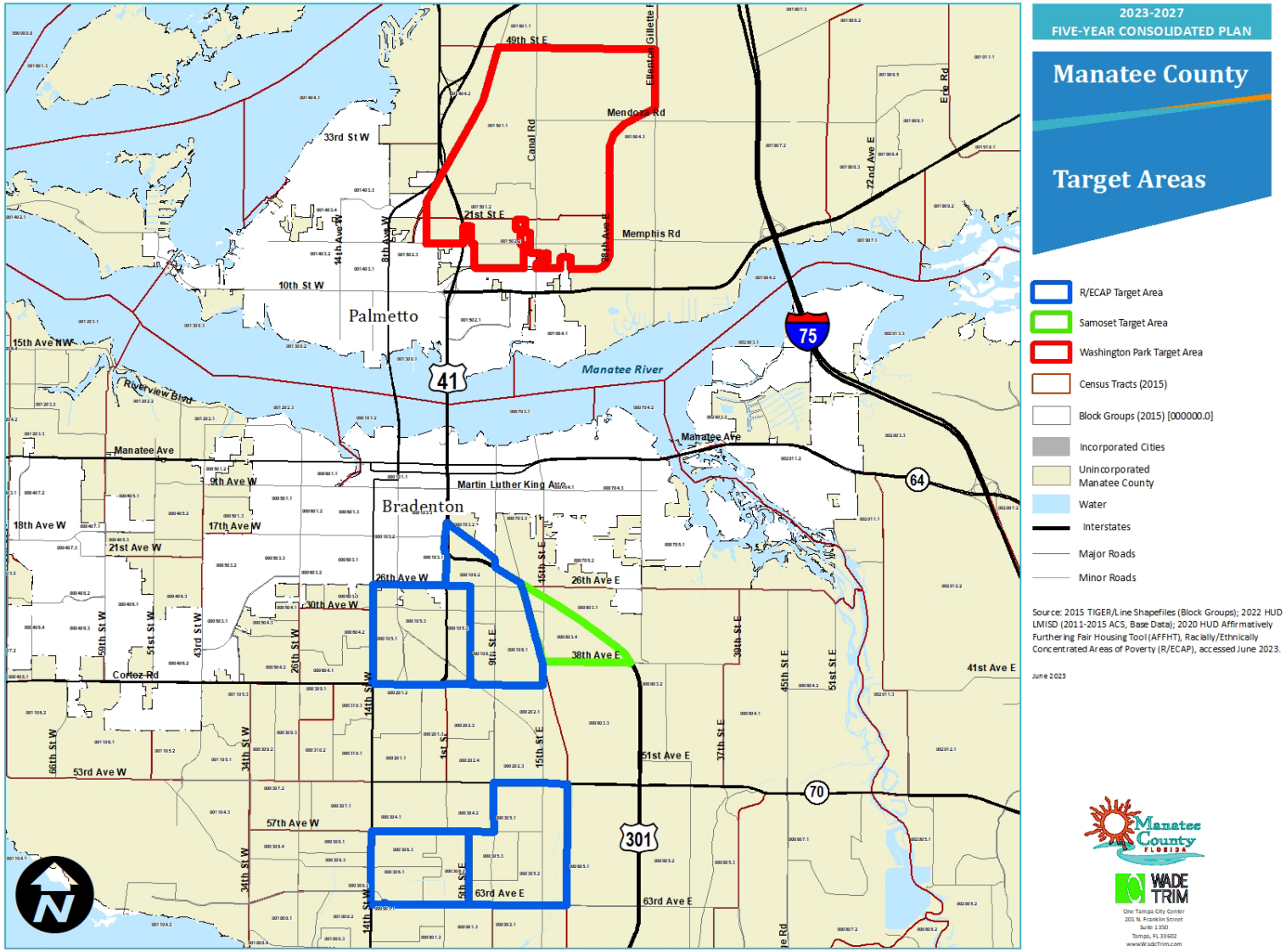


TABLE 49: GEOGRAPHIC AREA

1. Area Name: Racially/Ethnically-Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs)
Area Type: Local Target Areas
Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. In Manatee County, there are four R/ECAP area. The two northern R/ECAP areas are located southeast of downtown Bradenton, between 1st Street/U.S. 41 and 15th Street E. (south of U.S. 301 and north of 44th Ave. E./Cortez Rd.). The two southern R/ECAP areas is between 14th Street W and about 17th Street E (south of 57th Ave. W. and north of 63rd Ave. E.).
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. Generally, within the R/ECAP areas housing characteristics consist of a higher percentage of renter households opposed to owner-occupied households. In addition, there tends to be higher numbers of vacant units within these areas than those non-R/ECAP areas. Housing tends to be older, with many units built before 1980; as such, median values for owner occupied units tend to be much less than the County as a whole. According to comments received through the Consolidated Plan process, quality of housing and code enforcement are major concerns for residents within this target area. Non-residential uses are primarily located along major corridors and consist mainly of commercial and light industrial development, including the Red Barn Flea Market (a regional attraction); hotel/motel; car repair/sales, and institutional (public schools and churches) uses. Public input revealed that there is a higher number of vacant commercial units throughout the R/ECAPs.
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? Manatee County utilized public input obtained through the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan to identify the R/ECAP census tracts as a Target Area.
Identify the needs in this target area. Needs within the R/ECAP areas include, but are not limited to increasing the supply of quality affordable housing, expanding access to housing programs and services, code enforcement, elimination of slum and blight, fair housing, expanded social services, public infrastructure improvements (street lighting, park improvements, sidewalks, road resurfacing, drainage improvements), public facilities improvements (youth and seniors), basic needs assistance (seniors/special needs), transportation options and services, substance abuse and mental health services, homeless services and prevention, affordable child care, employment training, commercial exterior rehabilitation, resources for entrepreneurship/small business development, financial literacy, and English as a second language.
What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? The opportunities for improvement in this targeted area include but are not limited to targeted owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, code enforcement; street, sidewalk and drainage improvements; public facilities improvements; and employment training, and commercial exterior rehabilitation. Also, the data indicate disparities in the percentage of loan originations. Financial literacy, credit counseling, and housing assistance are needed to increase the number of loan originations to allow people to become homeowners. Additional resources that can be utilized to capitalize on opportunities include the Children's Services Dedicated Millage and the recently proposed half-cent sales tax.
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? The barriers of improvement for this target area include but are not limited to the following: lack of resources outside of entitlement and County general fund dollars, limited incentives for private development, and lack of interest from private developers in the target area. Property and construction costs also create barriers to improvement within the defined target area.

2. Area Name: Samoset Target Area

Area Type:
Local Target Areas

Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.
Manatee County has many low- and moderate- income census block groups throughout the County. The Samoset neighborhood is located within the designated urban core of Manatee County, wedged between US 301, 15th Street East, and 38th Avenue East.

Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.
This area is defined by mainly single-family residential housing with some multi-family housing mixed in and industrial to the northwest of the area. Commercial development is located along major corridors and urban corridors and is defined as mainly strip commercial.

How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?
Throughout the public participation process the areas defined as low- and moderate- income areas (specifically Samoset) were identified as areas that needed expanded social services, affordable housing, blight elimination, and neighborhood improvements and rehabilitation.

Identify the needs in this target area.
The needs of the low- and moderate- income areas in the County include the following: blight removal, housing rehabilitation, affordable housing, rental assistance, home ownership opportunities, code enforcement, infrastructure improvements e.g., street improvements, sidewalks, drainage, water, sewer, public facilities, code enforcement to address living conditions, expanded and accessible social services, and economic development.

What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?
The opportunities for improvement in low- and moderate- income areas include, but are not limited to owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, code enforcement; street, sidewalk, and drainage improvements; public facilities improvements; and neighborhood clean-up. In addition, there is an opportunity to develop a collaborative and coordinated effort by public services agencies to direct and focus resources and services within the areas that are greatly in need.
The Manatee County Economic Development Department is working to develop a strategy to increase household income, reduce poverty, and stimulate the economy in this target area. It is an area of focus for the county for several planning efforts and related initiatives.

Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?
The barriers of improvement for low- and moderate- income areas include but are not limited to the following: lack of resources outside of entitlement and County general fund dollars, limited to lack of desirable incentives for development as similar target areas, and lack of interest from private developers in the target area.

3. Area Name: Washington Park Target Area

Area Type:
Local Target Areas

Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.
The Washington Park Target Area is located north of the Manatee River and is generally bounded by 49th Street East at the north, the existing railway line and 4th Avenue West at the west, 36th Avenue East and the existing railway line at the east, and areas abutting 17th Street East at the south (just north of the railway line). The boundary of the Washington Park neighborhood is partly formed by the non-municipal areas north of Palmetto and areas locally known as Memphis and Washington Park.
The Washington Park area spans two Census Tracts and four Block Groups as follows (geographically, from north to south): Census Tract 15.01, Block Group 1, north of 25th Street East and east of 16th Avenue East; Census Tract 15.01, Block Group 2, north of 21st Street East and south of 25th Street East; Census Tract 15.02, Block Group 2, north of 17th Street East and south of 21st Street East; and Census Tract 15.02, Block Group 1, south of 17th Street East (small portion, only 10% of this Block Group).

Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.

Residents of Washington Park describe the area as “established”. According to the 2012-2016 American Community Survey, within Washington Park, housing characteristics consist generally of a higher percentage of owner households opposed to renter-occupied households. Most housing units are single-family detached structures. Single-family attached structures, mobile homes, and multi-family units comprise the balance of the housing stock. Median values for owner occupied units tend to be of lower value in the Washington Park area compared to Manatee County as a whole.

Non-residential uses are primarily located along 17th Street East and consist mainly of industrial uses such as manufacturing, construction materials, and warehousing. Institutional uses such as public schools and churches are scattered throughout the area. At the center of the area at 16th Avenue East/Canal Road and 29th Street East is James Tillman Elementary School. Multiple established churches support the community fabric of this area. Public parks and open space properties are currently limited in the area; however, a large public passive park (“Washington Park”) is under construction between 30th Street East and 38th Street East, just east of the existing railway line. Additionally, a multi-use trail and trail connector are also planned in the area.

How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?

Manatee County utilized staff knowledge as well as community stakeholder interviews and focus group meetings to identify Washington Park as a Target Area. The aggregate percentage of low- and moderate-income persons in the Washington Park neighborhood is 63%, based on the four Block Groups corresponding to the area.

Identify the needs in this target area.

Needs within the Washington Park area include, but are not limited to, increasing the supply of quality affordable and workforce housing, elimination of slum/blight and crime (e.g. code enforcement, more frequent patrol), public infrastructure improvements (street lighting, sidewalks and connectivity, road resurfacing/widening, drainage improvements), public facilities and programming (e.g. community center for youth and seniors), transportation options and services, employment training, resources for entrepreneurship/small business development, and access to neighborhood commercial (e.g. services, food/grocery).

What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?

The opportunities for improvement in this target area are further coordination with several planned or potential County projects, including the large public passive park (“Washington Park”) at the old borrow pit site, as well as the Palmetto Trails Network Plan and the Willow-Ellenton Trail Connector that cross the target area. The target area has an ample amount of large, undeveloped properties that could support economic development, affordable and workforce housing, or public facilities. Through community stakeholder interviews and focus groups, the County identified that the residents desire a sense of place to bring the community together. Public facilities and programs for youth and seniors at a centralized community center, library or similar gathering place are desired. Such a facility does not currently exist within the target area. Moreover, many residents are seeking improved connectivity within the neighborhood as well as access to jobs through employment training and better transportation options. This could be facilitated through public infrastructure projects such as street lighting, sidewalks, road resurfacing/widening, and drainage improvements. Organized neighborhood cleanups and coordination with code enforcement could also help to reduce slum and blight conditions.

Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?

The barriers of improvement for this target area include, but are not limited to, the following: lack of resources outside of entitlement and County general fund dollars, lack of community cohesion among distinct neighborhoods within the target area, lack of safe routes and connectivity between residential neighborhoods and commercial services (e.g. few sidewalks, indirect street network, etc.), transportation disadvantage and lack of local jobs, and perception of crime/drugs, slum and blight within the area.

Table 49 – Geographic Priority Areas

SP-25 Priority Needs

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must indicate the general priorities for allocating investment of available resources among different needs. Priority needs are those that will be addressed by the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

TABLE 50: PRIORITY NEEDS SUMMARY

Priority Need Name	Priority Level	Population	Geographic Areas	Goals Addressing
Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing Stock	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
Increase Supply of Affordable Housing	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
Down payment Assistance	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
Fair Housing and Equitable Access	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI), Public Housing Residents	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
Homeless Prevention Assistance	High	Homeless - Individuals, Chronic Substance Abuse - Homeless, Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI),	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
Shelter Facilities and Operations	High	Homeless - Individuals Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI),	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
Homeless Outreach and supportive services	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
Transitional and Supportive Housing	High	Homeless - Individuals, Chronic Substance Abuse - Homeless, Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI),	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
Rental Assistance	High	Public Housing Residents, Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with HIV/AIDS, Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Increase Access to Affordable Housing; Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
Public Facilities Improvements	High	Non-housing Community Development	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area; Washington Park Target Area	Expand Community Development Strategies

Youth Education, Protection and Facilities	High	Families with Children, Non-housing Community Development	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities; Expand Community Development Strategies
Senior Programs and Facilities	High	Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Non-housing Community Development	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations; Expand Community Development Strategies
Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs	High	Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Mental Disabilities, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	High	Homeless - Individuals, Chronic Substance Abuse - Homeless, Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI), Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations
Employment Training	High	Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI), Low-Income (50% AMI), Moderate-Income (80% AMI)	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities
Eliminate blight	Low	Non-housing Community Development	Countywide;	Expand Community Development Strategies
Planning, Preparedness and Resiliency	Low	Non-housing Community Development	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Program Administration

Table 50 – Priority Needs Summary

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions

TABLE 51: INFLUENCE OF MARKET CONDITIONS

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Tenant-based vouchers are by far the most common voucher used in Manatee County. The average annual income of residents using TBRA is $13,448. This voucher continues to be critical for persons with extremely low incomes who are severely cost burdened. It is estimated that while approximately 1,027 TBRA vouchers are in use, about 11,230 households in Manatee County have extremely low-incomes (0-30% Area Median Income) and 13,940 have very low-incomes (30%-50% Area Median Income).
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Non-Homeless Special Needs populations have a high need for TBRA, while at the same time are in need of improved accessibility within housing. Approximately 159 of program participants are elderly (>62 years old) and 232 disabled residents receive TBRA. Due to their limited income, housing needs for those with non-homeless special needs include affordability, availability of assistance, accessibility improvements and Fair Housing options.
New Unit Production	A shortage of affordable housing exists for several income groups, including both renter and owner households earning less than 50% HAMFI. The current housing inventory lacks rental units to house persons with low- and extremely low-incomes (less than 50% HAMFI). Necessary demolition of ageing and unsafe structures has contributed to the loss of affordable rental units in addition to high construction costs and the availability of affordable land.
Rehabilitation	Many of renter-occupied housing units have at least one housing problem (8,103), while a similar number (8,593) of owner-occupied housing units have at least one housing problem (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden). Furthermore, 36,920 of owner-occupied housing units and 15,835 of renter-occupied were built prior to 1980 and are more than 40 years old. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for the Manatee County implement both owner-unit and rental-unit rehabilitations to improve the condition of housing within its jurisdiction.
Acquisition, including preservation	Housing rehabilitation within low- and moderate-income neighborhoods was identified during the citizen participation process with regard to the expense associated with preserving/restoring homes and obstacles to demolition in cases of ageing and unsafe structures.

Table 51 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources

INTRODUCTION

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must identify the federal, state, local and private resources expected to be available to the County to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. These resources are summarized in **Table 52**.

Manatee County anticipates a total allocation of $1,847,283 in CDBG funding, $682,570 in HOME funding, and $157,064 in ESG funding for the 2023/2024 program year. Program income may be realized over the course of the 2023/2024 program year and subsequent program years. These funds will be used for CDBG-eligible activities consistent with the current goals and objectives identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, increasing homeownership, providing existing homeownership assistance (e.g., housing rehabilitation), public services, infrastructure improvements, blight removal, homeless services/prevention, and administration of the County's programs.

Other resources, such as private and non-Federal public sources may become available to the County during the program year. For CDBG leveraging, these include funding from State and Federal grant sources, County Departments (e.g., Public Works, Parks and Natural Resources, Building and Development Services, and Property Management), public or social service providers, or other sources. The County will also look to leverage funds and efforts through the Children's Services Dedicated Millage which funds an array of prevention, intervention, and treatment programs for children birth through seventeen years of age, as authorized by County Ordinance #91-42 and associated amendments.

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the County’s priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the first year of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. Manatee County has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2023 Annual Action Plan. See **Table 57**.

TABLE 52: ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	Public, Federal	Affordable Housing; Increasing Homeownership; Home Rehabilitation; Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements; Public Services; Community and Economic Development: Planning & Administration	$1,847,283	$0	$0	$1,847,283	$7,488,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, County Departments (Public Works, Property Management, Parks and Natural Resources, Building and Development), public service providers or other sources of funding.
HOME	Public, Federal	Affordable Housing; Increasing Homeownership; Home Rehabilitation	$682,570	$57,688.91	$661,731	$1,401,989.91	$2,636,800	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources (SHIP, CDBG)
ESG	Public, Federal	Homeless Prevention; Public Services	$157,064	$0	$0	$157,064	$636,800	Funding to assist with homeless prevention and homeless services. May leverage resources from non-profit services providers.

Table 52 – Anticipated Resources

EXPLAIN HOW FEDERAL FUNDS WILL LEVERAGE THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (PRIVATE, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS), INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF HOW MATCHING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED.

The County will look to leverage funds, if available, from State and Federal grants sources, County Departments (e.g., Public Works, Property Management, Parks and Natural Resources, Community Services, and Building and Development Services), public or social service providers, or other sources. The County will also look to leverage funds, if available, from other agencies and programs against CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars. During the 2016 General Election, Manatee County voters approved a half-cent sales tax to pay for local roads, parks, and public safety needs. Where possible, Manatee County will look to leverage these dollars with federal funds.

IF APPROPRIATE, DESCRIBE PUBLICALLY OWNED LAND OR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION THAT MAY BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN.

Manatee County Departments will work closely to dispose of surplus properties that are owned by Manatee County. Currently, the County administers a surplus property program that gives potential individuals the opportunity to obtain surplus property owned by Manatee County. These properties are potential surplus and must be approved by the county departments, administrators, and the Board of County Commissioners prior to approval. The County actively markets County owned property through the Property Management Department.

Also, through the property conveyance process developed by Manatee County, the Property Management Department works with the CVS Department to identify surplus property that would be available for the development of permanent affordable housing. The County then seeks a non-profit partner to convey the property to in order to develop affordable housing.

Finally, through the Property Management Department, the County actively seeks property to acquire. Property Acquisition is responsible for identifying and obtaining real property needed by the County to deliver services to the citizens of Manatee County. The acquisition process includes negotiations with property owners to secure contracts for sale and purchase and conveyance of property following approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

DISCUSSION

Manatee County's anticipated funding allocation will address many of the County's goals, including housing, social/public services, community development/public improvements, and economic development. The County is fortunate to have a network of public or social service providers to help address these goals through financial leveraging, as well as other Federal funding sources, State funding sources, County Departments and other agency and program funding.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure

EXPLAIN THE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE THROUGH WHICH THE JURISDICTION WILL CARRY OUT ITS CONSOLIDATED PLAN INCLUDING PRIVATE INDUSTRY, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Manatee County will have staff funded through CDBG and HOME administration dollars that will be dedicated to making sure these programs are fully administered. The County will also work with the following organizations throughout the implementation of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs.

TABLE 53: INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Manatee County Community and Veterans Services	Government	Planning/Administration	Manatee County
Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA)	Government	Public Housing/ Section 8	Manatee County
Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (CoC)	Non-Profit Organization	Homelessness	Manatee and Sarasota Counties
Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB)	Government	Affordable Housing	Manatee County
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners.	Government	Planning/Administration	Manatee County

Table 53 – Institutional Delivery Structure

ASSESS THE STRENGTHS AND GAPS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE

Table 53 shows the institutional structure through which Manatee County will carry out its Strategic Plan. Although not every organization involved in the program of delivery is included in **Table 53**, the lead agency and other organizations presented show the breadth of delivery capacity within the County.

The lead agency for institutional delivery is the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department (CVS). CVS collaborates with other County departments, the Board of County Commissioners, and the County Administrator's Office. CVS in conjunction with other departments and partners carryout objectives related to housing and community development. Furthermore, there are multiple non-profit organizations that provide a range of public services, from programs to reduce homelessness to programs for non-homeless special needs populations. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness assists with determining the unmet needs for the homeless population and partner to identify solutions. Regional coordination is aided by the use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Suncoast Partnership.

The County has a strong Institutional delivery system. A wide range of services are available in the community, including homelessness prevention services, street outreach services, supportive services, and other services such as youth programs (see **Table 54**). These programs are provided through County Departments, non-profit organizations, and the Continuum of Care (CoC).

The most obvious gap in the institutional delivery structure exists with the delivery of fair housing services, enforcement, and tracking. Manatee County has previously completed the Assessment of Fair Housing. Through the AFH process it was determined that the County currently lacks the capacity to take on Fair Housing services and there is a lack of external organizations that provide Fair Housing services. Manatee County pursued preliminary discussion in the establishment of a Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), however, due to loss of staff during the recession, was not able to move forward. The County is due to complete another Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for this Consolidated Plan cycle. The plan will focus on addressing these continued needs and identifying strategies to reduce this gap.

TABLE 54: AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES TARGETED TO HOMELESS PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH HIV AND MAINSTREAM SERVICES

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			
Food Banks/Nutrition Programs	X		
Youth Programs	X		

Table 54 – Homeless Prevention Services Summary

DESCRIBE HOW THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SERVICES LISTED ABOVE MEET THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS (PARTICULARLY CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH)

Meeting homelessness challenges in Manatee County is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies, and organizations. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness assists in conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies in Sarasota County and Manatee County. The Continuum of Care (CoC) for the area consists of over 70 agencies (private and public), individual funders, and other partners. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness brings together the Manatee County and Sarasota County Coalitions. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is also responsible for advancing community-wide efforts, including the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) survey conducted by the CoC, which involves various partnering organizations.

DESCRIBE THE STRENGTHS AND GAPS OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION AND PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SERVICES LISTED ABOVE.

In order to improve the housing and community development delivery system in Manatee County, better coordination between and amongst the public, non-profit and private agencies will be required. The programs and services that exist and that are available to residents in Manatee County are extensive and varied. Further, all of the agencies identified exhibit a commitment to providing these services. However, the agencies that participate in the County's delivery system will need to operate in a more comprehensive and cohesive manner. At times, these services and programs are provided with little cooperation between and amongst the many other agencies that make up the housing and community development delivery system network which causes a duplication of services.

Through the Manatee County Consolidated Plan development process, service agencies and the County expressed a desire to bring together the public, non-profit, and private organizations that provide housing and community development services in Manatee County. Through the County's Citizen Participation Plan, which was developed to maintain contact with the public, the County hopes to provide enough public forums and meetings throughout the year to create a greater awareness of

housing and community development activities which may lead to better coordination over the next five years.

PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE STRATEGY FOR OVERCOMING GAPS IN THE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM TO ADDRESS PRIORITY NEEDS.

Although Manatee County coordinates with homeless and public service providers, continued and improved coordination between these agencies and with the public and private sector organizations will be a high priority during the next five years.

The County will utilize the following general strategies to overcome gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for homeless prevention services:

- Support non-profit service providers that offer self-sufficiency training, medical care, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- Assist the Suncoast Partnership and other service agencies in their efforts to improve coordination between service providers.
- Continue to support programs that assist the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless.
- Fund agencies that have a strong history of capacity building, coordination, and leveraging of other funding sources.

SP-45 Goals Summary

TABLE 55: FIVE-YEAR GOALS SUMMARY INFORMATION

Goal Name	Description	Category	Start Year	End Year	Objective	Outcome	Geographic Area	Priority Needs Addressed	Funding Allocated (Five-Year Total)	Goal Outcome Indicator	Quantity (Five-Year Total)	Unit of Measure (UoM)
Increase Access to Affordable Housing	Improve availability and accessibility of affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income throughout the County.	Affordable Housing	2023	2027	Decent Housing	Affordability	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance;	**CDBG - $3,141,140** **HOME – $2,966,400**	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated; Downpayment Assistance Homeowner Housing Added Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing	200 12 10 10 220	Households Assisted Household Housing Units Households Assisted Household Housing Units Households Assisted
Reduce Homeless-ness in Manatee County	Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to Manatee County low and moderate-income and special needs populations.	Homeless	2023	2027	Decent Housing; Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Homeless Prevention Assistance; Shelter Facilities and Operations; Transitional and Supportive Housing	**ESG – $736,300** **CDBG – 1,430,000**	Homelessness Prevention Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds Added	50 10	Persons Assisted Beds
Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations	Support programs that create economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons or within the designated low and moderate-income areas.	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2023	2027	Suitable Living Environment;	Sustainability	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Senior Programs and Facilities; Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	**CDBG – $830,000**	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Other	345 1	Persons Assisted Other (Facility)
Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities	Enhance the living environment of persons of low and moderate income and special needs populations through public improvement activities.	Other: Supportive Services and Economic Development	2023	2027	Creating Economic Opportunities	Availability/ Accessibility	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Youth Recreational Programs and Facilities; Senior Programs and Facilities; Employment Training	**CDBG – $830,000**	Other Public Service Activities Other than Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Benefit	2 200	Other (Facility) Persons Assisted
Expand Community Development Strategies	Improve public safety conditions for Manatee County citizens in low and moderate-income areas.	Non-Housing Community Development	2023	2027	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/ Accessibility	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area; Washington Park Target Area	Public Facilities Improvements	**CDBG – $1,257,000**	Other	2	Other: Facilities
Program Administration	Program Administration	Other: Program Administration	2023	2027	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Countywide	N/A	**CDBG – $1,871,860** **HOME – $329,600** **ESG – $59,700**	Other	0	Other

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Note: 20% of CDBG, 10% of HOME, and 7.5% of ESG Entitlement Grant will be reserved for Administration and Planning Activities

ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME, LOW-INCOME, AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES TO WHOM THE JURISDICTION WILL PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS DEFINED BY HOME 91.315(B)(2)

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must summarize the County's priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the five-year term of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. Manatee County has selected funding allocations, goal outcome indicators and quantities using past and anticipated performance measures from its Annual Action Plans. These performance measures have been projected over the course of the five-year period to arrive at a total five-year funding allocation and quantity for each outcome indicator. See **Table 55**.

Through annual CDBG and HOME allocations, the County will provide affordable housing activities to support on average 545 income-eligible non-homeless and special needs persons (public service, facility, and community development activities) and around 450 households annually (housing activities). Activities to support income-eligible non-homeless and special needs households may include rental assistance, down payment assistance, production of new units and/or housing replacement, and rehabilitation of existing units, as well as public service activities for low- and moderate-income housing benefit.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement

NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE UNITS (IF REQUIRED BY A SECTION 504 VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT)

Currently, Manatee County has two Public Housing Authorities working within its borders. These include the Bradenton Public Housing Authority, which also manages the Hope VI housing project, and the Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA).

The MCHA has one housing facility with 80 units. These units/housing vouchers are in constant demand. The typical wait time is 4 to 5 years before receiving assistance. Currently, both public housing authorities have closed their waiting lists in an effort to manage the current demand.

There are currently 1,286 public housing vouchers allocated to the MCHA (including Public Housing, Project-based, and Tenant-based). According to the latest data, there are 1,131 vouchers in use and all holders are requesting assistance for disability, suggesting that there is a strong need for accessible units

At this time, the MCHA is attempting to support other applicants through housing assistance payments; however, due to the high cost of rent in the county their reach is limited.

ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE RESIDENT INVOLVEMENTS

All current housing programs are available to public housing residents and address the common needs experienced by low-income persons, including public housing residents. In addition, public housing residents are encouraged to participate in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan development process. The MCHA runs a Family Self-Sufficiency program that is available to all residents of public housing. The MCHA monitors and encourages both Public Housing Residents and HCV Participants that become designated as "Flat- or Zero-rent" to participant in the homeownership program classes offered by Manatee County Government and Sarasota Housing Authority Voucher Homeownership program.

IS THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY DESIGNATED AS TROUBLED UNDER 24 CFR PART 902?

As of an audit completed in 2019, the Manatee County Housing Authority has a PHAS score of 92 and is designated as a high performer. For 2022, the Bradenton Housing Authority has a PHAS score of 65 and is considered a "substandard physical" and is not listed as troubled by HUD.

IF APPLICABLE, PLAN TO REMOVE THE 'TROUBLED' DESIGNATION

Not applicable.

SP-55 Barriers to Affordable Housing

BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Public policies can have a direct impact on barriers to affordable housing. Manatee County has recognized this fact and has reviewed its own process to expose any barriers or obstacles to developing affordable housing. From this review, a few concerns were noted.

These included the review time by the staff and the cost to the developer, the limited code allowances for affordable or workforce housing, and impact fees. To alleviate these three concerns, a variety of policies and or regulations were put into practice. An in-depth description of these policies and regulations are provided within the Consolidated Plan. An overview is outlined here:

Housing Rapid Response Team – assists housing developers who wish to participate in the County's affordable/workforce housing programs expedite the development and permitting processes.

Manatee County Land Development Code – outlines incentives which may be available to developers of affordable/workforce housing developments. Developers for income-eligible households may seek expedited review and permit processing, review and permit fee refunds, and other incentives, as applicable.

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution on February 24, 2004, establishing the Manatee County Affordable Housing Impact Fee Program. Beginning June 19, 2004, Manatee County began to provide assistance to developers of owner-occupied affordable housing, in the form of reimbursement of a portion of impact fees for the creation of owner-occupied affordable housing for low- to moderate-income households. This incentive is currently under review for expansion of the program to include incentives for the creation of affordable rental units.

The County will provide assistance to make up the difference between the fees for County facilities in effect prior to June 19, 2004, and the fees adopted pursuant to Ordinance 04-19. Additionally, the County is now working toward payment of developer school impact fees for affordable housing development, serving low-to moderate-income households.
Manatee County is currently working on revisions to the affordable housing incentives in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, which will provide enhanced incentives for both owner-occupied and for affordable rental housing.

In subsequent years, Manatee County has provided assistance to make up the difference between the fees in effect prior to Ordinance 04-19.

STRATEGY TO REMOVE OR AMELIORATE THE BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Manatee County is dedicated to providing affordable housing to homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households. The County has developed the Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) To review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and is tasked with recommending

specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.

Manatee County actively refers individuals and households looking for affordable housing to various programs and resources such as:

- Florida Housing Search: A web-based housing locator service that allows people to locate available housing that best fits their individual and family needs. The service can be accessed online 24 hours a day and is supported by a toll-free, bilingual call center M-F, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm EDT. Individuals can easily search for housing using a wide variety of search criteria with special mapping features and receive apartment listings that provide a multitude of important information about each unit. In addition, the site connects people to other housing resources through website links and provides helpful tools for renters such as an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and renter rights and responsibilities information.
- Volunteers of America - Manatee County: Provides income eligible housing and behavioral healthcare services in quiet, residential communities that are located on bus routes and convenient to employment opportunities.
- Manatee County Housing Authority: Public Housing Authority (PHA) that provides low-income rental assistance within Manatee County.
- Manatee County Rental List: A list of rental properties and apartments located throughout Manatee County complete with addresses and contact information.
- United Way 2-1-1 Manasota: Provides free and confidential information and referral services 24/7 that connect people to local resources.
- Turning Points: Provide housing services such as rental and utility assistance.
- Salvation Army: Provide housing services such as rental and utility assistance.

Manatee County will continue providing housing programs and services, as resources are available, through the Community and Veterans Services Department. These programs include:

- Certified Lending Training
- Downpayment Assistance
- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Housing Replacement Program

Finally, there are additional opportunities for homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to obtain affordable housing. Manatee County has in previous years made available funds to the Gulf Coast Legal Services for elderly, low- and moderate-income residents who are victims of predatory lending practices, foreclosure rescue scams, persons who are experiencing or who have experienced discrimination and/or fraud in housing and to remedy these matters through negotiation, workouts, mediation or litigation.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy

REACHING OUT TO HOMELESS PERSONS (ESPECIALLY UNSHELTERED PERSONS) AND ASSESSING THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

There continues to be public concern about the number of homeless persons and families in the Manatee County area. The County has identified objectives and priorities for the entitlement funding program that are aimed at homeless prevention.

Meeting homelessness challenges in Manatee County is a County-wide collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies, and organizations. The lead agency for collecting homeless data, conducting homeless needs assessments, and developing community supported homelessness strategies is the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. supports both Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Most of the data and details regarding the homeless population used in this Plan was provided by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc.

As part of the Consolidated Plan process, the County reached out to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness to obtain data and information related to the homeless population within Manatee County. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. regularly conducts a homeless census where volunteers reach out to identify the homeless and have them complete a short survey to gather information about the number of homeless as well as the characteristics of this population. It should be noted that any homeless census is an undercount, because it is impossible to count and locate every homeless person within a geography as broad as Manatee County.

ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS

One of Manatee County's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to assist non-profit service providers in obtaining additional funding sources for shelter services. Many of these non-profit service providers are CoC partnering agencies.

Manatee County receives an annual allocation of ESG funding, made available through the HEARTH Act from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are utilized to support homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services for the homeless.

Manatee County is coordinating with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to appropriately allocate and administer these funds. The County aims to leverage these ESG dollars with the CoC which already receives grant dollars from the State of Florida. By leveraging funds, the County can ensure that the ESG funds make the most positive impact possible.

HELPING HOMELESS PERSONS (ESPECIALLY CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH) MAKE THE TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING, INCLUDING SHORTENING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS, FACILITATING ACCESS FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND PREVENTING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO WERE RECENTLY HOMELESS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS AGAIN.

Another of Manatee County's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to promote and encourage the development of programs that facilitate the transition from homelessness into permanent housing. Many of these programs, such as Veterans' Emergency Transitional Residential Program, HOPE Family Services, Second Heart Homes, Inc., Turning Points, Salvation Army FAITH Program, Catholic Charities, Resurrection House, and more are operated by the CoC partnering agencies.

HELP LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AVOID BECOMING HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE LIKELY TO BECOME HOMELESS AFTER BEING DISCHARGED FROM A PUBLICLY FUNDED INSTITUTION OR SYSTEM OF CARE, OR WHO ARE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES THAT ADDRESS HOUSING, HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR YOUTH NEEDS

Another of the County's strategies for reducing homelessness is to support non-profit service providers that offer self-sufficiency training, medical care, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent homelessness. Many of these non-profit service providers are CoC partnering agencies.

Manatee County continues to support programming that is designed to prevent homelessness by assisting homeowners and renters that find themselves behind in mortgage or rental payments. This type of temporary assistance can help families that truly find themselves in a unique situation that can be remedied by one-time support. This assistance could help them in their immediate need to overcome a medical bill, sickness in the family, or whatever situation caused their problem.

The non-homeless special needs populations include the elderly, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, substance abusers, and persons with HIV/AIDS or related diseases. The County and other non-profits will provide various types of assistance, primarily through supportive services, to persons with special needs in the community.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards

ACTIONS TO ADDRESS LBP HAZARDS AND INCREASE ACCESS TO HOUSING WITHOUT LBP HAZARDS

During the coming year and through the Five-Year Consolidated Plan term, the Manatee County Health Department will continue to test low-income children for lead poisoning, as well as investigate any cases found. The County will meet the requirements of the new lead-based paint regulations by undertaking the actions shown in the Consolidated Plan as outlined below.

Participating contractors who have not attended the training continue to be encouraged to obtain training certification in lead-based paint safety procedures. The County will address the lead-based paint

hazards that are found in all homes rehabilitated with the County's CDBG and/or HOME funds. Only homes that are pre-1978 are subject to the lead-based paint provisions and, fortunately, many homes in Manatee County were constructed after 1978.

The County will continue to encourage appropriate staff and participating contractors to attend training and obtain certification in "Lead-Based Paint Safe Work Practices" for County construction and rehabilitation projects.

HOW ARE THE ACTIONS LISTED ABOVE RELATED TO THE EXTENT OF LEAD POISONING AND HAZARDS?

Housing built before 1978 is presumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint. In Manatee County, according to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey 33.7% of owner-occupied housing units were built prior to 1980 (52,755). For renter-occupied units, 39.8% were built prior to 1980. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for Manatee County to continue to facilitate housing rehabilitation and replacement within its jurisdiction. According to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Screening and Case Management Guide Revised 2022, as of 2019 there were 1,093 reported cases of lead poisoning in children under 6 years old. For children under 6, the rate of lead poisoning cases per 100,000 population was 2.3 in whites, 8.2 in Blacks and 39.7 in other races, a striking disparity. The demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of Florida's large pediatric population underscore the importance of addressing childhood lead poisoning.

HOW ARE THE ACTIONS LISTED ABOVE INTEGRATED INTO HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES?

A number of very good sources of information regarding lead-based paint hazards and control are available to educate parents, caregivers and social service agencies.

The EPA has a number of publications that can be found at this web address:

https://www.epa.gov/lead/learn-about-lead.

EPA brochures include:

- "Give Your Child the Chance of a Lifetime, Keep Your Child Lead-Safe" (PDF)
- "What You Need to Know About Lead Poisoning" (PDF)
- "Health Specialist: Lead Poisoning Prevention" (PDF)
- "Home Advisory: Talking Points for Head Start Staff" (PDF)

- "Lead Poisoning Home Checklist" (PDF)
- "Head Start Classroom Exercises: Chip and Dusty" (PDF)
- "Healthy Snacks" (PDF)
- "Songs" (PDF)

The National Lead Information Center (NLIC)

The NLIC is part of the EPA and specializes in lead hazard information, and it can be reached at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) to receive copies of documents, or to speak with an information specialist. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff members are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Single copies of all documents are available free-of-charge by visiting: https://www.epa.gov/lead/forms/lead-hotline-national-lead-information-center and https://www.epa.gov/lead/lead-safe-renovations-diyers

Centers For Disease Control (CDC)

The CDC is another federal agency involved with lead paint control and can be reached at:

Centers For Disease Control

1600 Clifton Road

Atlanta, GA 30333

1-800-CDC-INFO • TTY: 1-800-232-6348

The CDC website contains valuable information on lead paint, and can be found at www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips.htm

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Information from HUD about lead-based paint can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/lead.

Lead based paint hazard reduction is integrated into all housing programs in Manatee County. The specific actions being taken include the following:

- Each applicant receiving rehabilitation assistance receives an EPA approved pamphlet on identifying and preventing lead based paint hazards;
- Homes built prior to 1978 receiving rehabilitated with federal funds are tested to determine if lead-based paint is in the home; and

- If lead is found, the lead based paint will be abated as required by federal law.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy

JURISDICTION GOALS, PROGRAMS AND POLICIES FOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POVERTY-LEVEL FAMILIES

The poverty rate for all people in Manatee County was 10.4% according to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Servicing poverty-stricken people is a high priority for the County through the CDBG Program.

Manatee County programs are designed to reduce the number of poverty level households located within the County through the provision of human services, the creation of economic opportunities, and the improvement of physical conditions in low-income areas.

A key element of the anti-poverty strategy is the community's successful implementation of a Continuum of Care for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless. A number of services are available to assist homeless and near-homeless individuals and families. Better coordination of these services is vital to providing a seamless Continuum of Care to assist in the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

As part of this, Manatee County developed the Roadmap to Address Homelessness in March 2023, which outlines a number of strategies in meeting the goals to reduce homelessness set in this Plan. Through the implementation of this Consolidated Plan Manatee County continues to strive to end chronic homelessness.

Also, Manatee County has a number of major initiatives designed to reduce unemployment and increase economic opportunities for its poverty level residents:

- A public/private partnership with its business community to significantly expand the County's economic development activities. The Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation is charged with diversifying Manatee County's economy. In addition, the State of Florida has a wide range of economic development incentives for business recruitment and expansion. The County provides the required local match.

- The City of Palmetto has designated a section of the City as an enterprise zone with tax breaks and incentives for new economic development in this low-income area of the City.

In an effort to create jobs in Manatee County, the County has developed the Manatee County Economic Development Incentive Program to offer incentives to businesses that choose to locate in Manatee County. Incentives can be customized for businesses to promote high value job creation and capital investment. This business-friendly measure taken by the County Commission is one effort to jumpstart the local economy. Incentives include various grant opportunities, fee reductions, bonds, and workforce training.

HOW ARE THE JURISDICTION POVERTY REDUCING GOALS, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES COORDINATED WITH THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

Among other things, the Community and Veterans Services Department (CVS) focuses county efforts on the redevelopment and revitalization of urban areas of the county and to create greater economic opportunities for residents and businesses with our housing, community and economic development projects and programs.

This includes a strong emphasis on job retention and creation through working with local businesses; developing and implementing a new redevelopment plan for the Southwest District (SWD); and providing opportunities for workforce and affordable, new rental and homeownership projects.

CVS will explore enhanced and new redevelopment, economic development and housing and community development projects and programs, crossing the broad spectrum of all business types and income groups. This will be accomplished through additional business and employment growth and new infill, mixed-use and housing opportunities through targeted incentive programs leveraging local, regional, and national expertise and resources and engaging in strategic partnerships.

SP-80 Monitoring

DESCRIBE THE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES THAT THE JURISDICTION WILL USE TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PLAN AND WILL USE TO ENSURE LONG-TERM COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS INVOLVED, INCLUDING MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

For activities being carried out in furtherance of the Plan, the County will perform on-going monitoring for Federal, State and local contract compliance of each of its sub-recipients at least once a year. Technical assistance will be included with the monitoring. The monitoring program incorporates in-house review of every payment request and progress report.

Manatee County has developed a checklist to assist in the monitoring and oversight of all of the programs and projects funded with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. These checklists help ensure consistent and thorough oversight of sub-recipient organizations.

In addition, Manatee County has project-based tracking systems that ensure all phases of the projects are executed properly. To make certain Manatee County continues to meet timeliness tests for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, review of grant applications and continual monitoring of existing projects will be a focus of the administration.

CVS staff continues to monitor affordable housing projects to ensure they meet long-term compliance with housing codes. All monitoring efforts delineated above are being implemented to meet Manatee County's goals and objectives as outlined in the Consolidated Plan.





AP-15 Expected Resources

INTRODUCTION

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must identify the federal, state, local and private resources expected to be available to the County to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. These resources are summarized in **Table 52**.

Manatee County anticipates a total allocation of $1,847,283 CDBG funding, $682,570 in HOME funding, and $157,064 in ESG funding for the 2023/2024 program year. Program income may be realized over the course of the program year and subsequent program years. The County also has about $57,688 in HOME program income, and $661,731 in prior year HOME resources from the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 program years that may be allocated this program year. These funds will be used for eligible activities consistent with the current goals and objectives identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, increasing homeownership, providing existing homeownership assistance (e.g., housing rehabilitation), public services, infrastructure improvements, homeless services/prevention, and administration of the County's programs.

Other resources, such as private and non-Federal public sources may become available to the County during the program year. For CDBG leveraging, these include funding from State and Federal grant sources, County Departments (e.g., Public Works, Parks and Natural Resources, Building and Development Services, and Property Management), public or social service providers, or other sources. The County will also look to leverage funds and efforts through the Children's Services Dedicated Millage which funds an array of prevention, intervention and treatment programs for children birth through seventeen years of age, as authorized by County Ordinance #91-42 and associated amendments.

In addition, the half-cent sales tax is a possible source to fund infrastructure projects within designated low- and moderate- income areas.

TABLE 56: ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	Public, Federal	Affordable Housing; Increasing Homeownership; Home Rehabilitation; Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements; Public Services; Community and Economic Development: Planning & Administration	$1,847,283	$0	$0	$1,847,283	$7,488,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, County Departments (Public Works, Property Management, Parks and Natural Resources, Building and Development), public service providers or other sources of funding.
HOME	Public, Federal	Affordable Housing; Increasing Homeownership; Home Rehabilitation	$682,570	$57,689	$661,731	$1,401,989.91	$2,636,800	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources (SHIP, CDBG)

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
ESG	Public, Federal	Homeless Prevention; Public Services	$157,064	$0	$0	$157,064	$636,800	Funding to assist with homeless prevention and homeless services. May leverage resources from non-profit services providers.

**HUD 2023 Formula Allocation*

Table 56 – Anticipated Resources

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the County's priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the first-year of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. Manatee County has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan. See **Table 57** and **Table 58**.

EXPLAIN HOW FEDERAL FUNDS WILL LEVERAGE THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (PRIVATE, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS), INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF HOW MATCHING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED

The County will look to leverage funds, if available, from State and Federal grants sources, County Departments (e.g., Public Works, Property Management, Parks and Natural Resources, Community Services, and Building and Development Services), public or social service providers, or other sources.

The County will also look to leverage funds, if available, from other agencies and programs against CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars. The County will use funding from the State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) and/or other federal grants for the matching requirements under the HOME program, with 25% match on all expenditures except planning and administration, CHDO operating, CHDO capacity building, and CHDO project specific expenses when repayment is waived under §92.301. Manatee County's match amount for ESG will come from the Community Coalition on Homelessness d/b/a Turning Points who receives grant funds through other non-federal sources. Consistent with ESG program requirements, a 100% match on all expenditures will be provided after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement. For ESG, cash, non-cash, and program income must meet requirements of § 576.201.

During the 2016 General Election, Manatee County voters approved a half-cent sales tax to pay for local roads, parks and public safety needs. Where possible, Manatee County will look to leverage these dollars with federal funds.

IF APPROPRIATE, DESCRIBE PUBLICALLY OWNED LAND OR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION THAT MAY BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN

Manatee County Departments will work closely to dispose of surplus properties that are owned by Manatee County. Currently, the County administers a surplus property program that gives potential individuals the opportunity to obtain surplus property owned by Manatee County. These properties are potential surplus and must be approved by the county departments, administrators, and the Board of County Commissioners prior to approval. The County actively markets County owned property through the Property Management Department.

Also, through the property conveyance process developed by Manatee County, the Property Management Department works with the CVS Department to identify surplus property that would be

available for the development of permanent affordable housing. The County then seeks a non-profit partner to convey the property to in order to develop affordable housing.

Finally, through the Property Management Department, the County actively seeks property to acquire. Property Acquisition is responsible for identifying and obtaining real property needed by the County to deliver services to the citizens of Manatee County. The acquisition process includes negotiations with property owners to secure contracts for sale and purchase and conveyance of property following approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

DISCUSSION

Manatee County's anticipated funding allocation will address many of the County's goals, including housing, social/public services, community development/public improvements, and economic development. The County is fortunate to have a network of public or social service providers to help address these goals through financial leveraging, as well as other Federal funding sources, State funding sources, County Departments, and other agency and program funding.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

TABLE 57: GOALS SUMMARY INFORMATION

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator	Quantity	Unit of Measure (UoM)
1	Increase Access to Affordable Housing	2023	2024	Affordable Housing	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance	CDBG - $985,800 HOME - $1,275,982	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated; Downpayment Assistance Homeowner Housing Added Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing Public Service Activities for Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Benefit	5 4 5 85 80	Household/Housing Units Households Assisted Household/Housing Units Households Assisted Households Assisted
2	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County	2023	2024	Homeless	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Homeless Prevention Assistance; Shelter Facilities and Operations; Transitional and Supportive Housing	ESG - $153,050	Homelessness Prevention	10	Persons Assisted
3	Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations	2023	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Countywide; R/ECAPs	Senior Programs and Facilities; Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	CDBG - $457,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Other	138 1	Persons Assisted Other (Facility)
4	Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities	2023	2024	Other: Supportive Services and Economic Development	Countywide; R/ECAPs; Samoset Target Area	Youth Recreational Programs and Facilities; Senior Programs and Facilities; Employment Training	CDBG - $35,000	Other	1	Other (Facility)
5	Program Administration	2023	2024	Program Administration	Countywide	N/A	CDBG - $369,456 HOME - $68,257 ESG - $4,000	Other	0	Other

Table 57 – Goals Summary Information

TABLE 58: GOAL DESCRIPTIONS

1	Goal Name	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Improve availability, accessibility, and condition of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income and special needs households throughout Manatee County. | CDBG - $985,800 | HOME - $1,275,982
2	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County
	Goal Description	Enhance the living environment for homeless populations and those at-risk of homelessness through strategies that reduce and prevent homelessness throughout Manatee County. | ESG - $153,050
3	Goal Name	Support Health Care and Wellbeing activities for Special Needs Populations
	Goal Description	Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to Manatee County low- and moderate-income, homeless, and special needs populations. | CDBG - $457,000
4	Goal Name	Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities
	Goal Description	Support programs that create economic opportunities for low- and moderate- income persons or within the designated low- and moderate-income areas. | CDBG - $35,000
5	Goal Name	Expand Community Development Strategies
	Goal Description	Enhance the living environment of low- and moderate-income, homeless, and special needs populations through public improvement projects and activities. | CDBG - $0 | HOME - $0 | ESG - $0
6	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Program administration is required to implement the County's Consolidated Plan goals. Program administration addresses all outcomes, objectives, and priority needs. | CDBG - $369,456| HOME - $68,257| ESG - $4,000

Table 58 – Goal Descriptions

AP-35 Projects

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Action Plan includes proposed activities that meet the priority housing and community development needs as described in the 2023/2024-2027/2028 Consolidated Plan. Manatee County has developed a comprehensive strategy for using limited resources available to address the housing and community development needs of its low- and moderate-income citizens, the homeless, and its housing stock.

The following provides a breakdown of project funding for Program Year 2023/2024. The 2023/24 Annual Action Plan is based on a entitlement allocation from HUD of $1,847,283 in CDBG, $682,570 in HOME, and $157,064 in ESG funds.

Manatee County takes great pride in the range of programs and services that are available to residents. Manatee County understands the need to ensure that basic services are provided. The County has utilized the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs to constructively meet the changing needs of the community.

TABLE 59: PROJECT INFORMATION

#	Project Name
1	Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Housing Legal Services *
2	Homeowner Down Payment Assistance Program
3	Homeowner Rehabilitation/Replacement Program
4	CAN Community Health – RU4M (Rental & Utilities 4 Manatee) AIDS/HIV
5	Manatee County Habitat for Humanity – Poling Gardens
6	The Salvation Army – Tenant Based Rental Assistance
7	AM & FM Enterprise, Inc. – Allean's Loving Care *
8	Centerstone of Florida – Samoset Community Resource Center: Phase 2
9	Meals on Wheels – Unfunded Senior Meals *
10	Turning Points – Project Smile *
11	Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center – Fire Safety Improvements
12	CDBG - Planning and Administration
13	HOME - Planning and Administration
14	ESG23 Manatee County

**Activities are public service – subject to 15% cap*

Table 59 – Project Information

DESCRIBE THE REASONS FOR ALLOCATION PRIORITIES AND ANY OBSTACLES TO ADDRESSING UNDERSERVED NEEDS

One obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of resources. Given that entitlement programs have been reduced over the last several fiscal years, Manatee County plans to continue to review alternative sources of funds to help address the needs of County residents. Efforts will be made to submit grant applications to Federal, State, and local agencies, as staffing allows. Specific grant

applications could include prisoner re-entry into society, mental health services, infrastructure improvements, and neighborhood revitalization.

AP-38 Project Summary

TABLE 60: PROJECT SUMMARY INFORMATION

1	**Project Name**	**Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance
	Funding	$70,000 - CDBG
	Description	Provide legal services to low-income residents on fair housing related issues.
	Planned Activities	Legal Services 05C
2	**Project Name**	**Homeowner Down Payment Assistance Program**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Down Payment Assistance
	Funding	$300,000 – CDBG
	Description	Manatee County provides income-eligible homebuyers with partial down payment assistance for those who can support a monthly mortgage but may not be able to pay all or a portion of the down payment and/or closing costs needed to purchase a home.
	Planned Activities	13B Homeownership Assistance
3	**Project Name**	**Homeowner Rehabilitation/Replacement Program**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Contingency Project #1: Homelessness Contingency Project #2: Housing

	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance Contingency Project #1: Shelter Facilities Development; Contingency Project #2: Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing Stock
	Funding	$615,800 – CDBG Contingency Project #1: $400,000 – CDBG Contingency Project #2: $200,000 – CDBG
	Description	Rehabilitation or reconstruction existing low- to moderate-income qualified homeowner occupied residential units. Contingency Project #1: If Homeowner Rehabilitation/Replacement is not practically achievable this program year, $400,000 will be allocated to Goal 2 – Reduce Homelessness in Manatee County for a Homeless Shelter Development Project, which will rehabilitate an old sheriff's work release property located on 407 57th Street, E. Bradenton, FL to become a family and women's homeless shelter. Contingency Project #2: If Homeowner Rehabilitation/Replacement is not practically achievable this program year, $200,000 will be allocated to a new activity under this goal, Goal 1 – Increase Access to Affordable Housing. The funding will go towards Enhanced Code Enforcement in LMI areas to eliminate conditions that threaten the public safety and general welfare of residents in LMI areas.
	Planned Activities	14A Rehab: Single-Unit Residential Contingency Project #1: 03C Homeless Facilities Contingency Project #2: 15 Code Enforcement
4	**Project Name**	**CAN Community Health – RU4M**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance
	Funding	$188,332 - HOME
	Description	Rental payments and utility payment assistance throughout the county.

	Planned Activities	HOME - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
5	**Project Name**	**Manatee County Habitat for Humanity**
	Target Area	R/ECAPs
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access
	Funding	$878,750 - HOME
	Description	Housing construction for low- and moderate-income and other eligible populations.
	Planned Activities	HOME – Housing Development
6	**Project Name**	**The Salvation Army – Rental Assistance**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Maintain Existing Housing; Increase Supply of Affordable Housing; Fair Housing and Equitable Access; Rental Assistance
	Funding	$208,900 - HOME
	Description	Provide rental assistance for income-qualifying populations.
	Planned Activities	HOME - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
7	**Project Name**	**AMFM Enterprise, Inc. - Allean's Loving Care**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Social/Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs
	Funding	$90,000 - CDBG
	Description	Provide in-home companion, homemaker services to the elderly and the addition of exercise/nutrition educational components. This project will assist 15 elderly, frail elderly, and disabled non-elderly clients.
	Planned Activities	Senior Services 05A
8	**Project Name**	**Centerstone of Florida – Samoset Community Resource Center: Phase 2**
	Target Area	Samoset Target Area
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Senior Programs and Facilities; Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
	Funding	$250,000 – CDBG
	Description	Funding will be used to complete the Samoset Community Resource Center (CRC). The original project was divided into two phases due to unforeseen delays in phase one. This phase will

		complete needed renovations and improvements of the remaining 4,825 square foot building for a new, comprehensive unified community services hub in the heart of the Samoset community.
	Planned Activities	03E Neighborhood Facilities
9	**Project Name**	**Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. - Unfunded Senior Meals**
	Target Area	R/ECAPs
	Goals Supported	Social/Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs
	Funding	$50,000 - CDBG
	Description	Funding will be provided to pay for meals for the elderly.
	Planned Activities	05A Senior Services
10	**Project Name**	**Turning Points - Project Smile**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Social/Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Basic Needs Assistance, Transportation Services for Special Needs
	Funding	$67,000 - CDBG
	Description	Funding to pay for dentures, orthotics, and supplies for making such devices for homeless clients and low- and moderate-income individuals that don't have dental insurance.
	Planned Activities	Health Services 05M
11	**Project Name**	**Lighthouse Vision Loss Center – Fire Safety Improvements**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Other: Supportive Services and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Youth Recreational Programs and Facilities; Senior Programs and Facilities; Employment Training
	Funding	$35,000 - CDBG
	Description	Fire safety improvements to Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center
	Planned Activities	03B Facilities for Persons with Disabilities
12	**Project Name**	**CDBG – Planning and Administration**
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	$369,456 - CDBG
	Description	Oversight, management, monitoring, and coordination of CDBG activities.
	Planned Activities	21A General Program Administration

13	Project Name	HOME – Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	$68,257 - HOME
	Description	Oversight, management, monitoring, and coordination of HOME activities.
	Planned Activities	HOME - Program Administration
14	Project Name	ESG23 Manatee County
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention Assistance; Shelter Facilities and Operations; Transitional and Supportive Housing
	Funding	$145,314 – ESG (Activities, Sub-Award to Suncoast Partnership) $7,750 – ESG (Sub-Award Project Delivery) $4,000 – ESG Program Administration
	Description	Support homelessness prevention activities, services, and shelters, including but not limited to providing transitional beds, counseling/case management services, etc. Funding will provide for housing relocation and stabilization services, and short-term and medium-term rental assistance.
	Planned Activities	Homeless Prevention & Program Administration

Table 60 – Project Summary Information

AP-50 Geographic Distribution

DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE ENTITLEMENT (INCLUDING AREAS OF LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY CONCENTRATION) WHERE ASSISTANCE WILL BE DIRECTED

For the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, Manatee County will direct assistance to low- and moderate-income areas of the County including, but not limited to, the identified R/ECAP and Samoset Target Areas. These Target Areas are identified in **Table 61**. Assistance will also be made available Countywide to persons meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

TABLE 61: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
R/ECAPs	31.4%
Samoset Target Area	8.5%

Table 61 – Geographic Distribution

RATIONALE FOR THE PRIORITIES FOR ALLOCATING INVESTMENTS GEOGRAPHICALLY

Manatee County's rationale for allocating investments geographically is dependent upon the location of low- and moderate-income populations and Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs).

All other activities, or the remaining 60.1% of expected funding, will benefit any person meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit, including persons living in the R/ECAPs. These other activities include legal services, rental assistance, home rehabilitation program, public facility projects, affordable housing development, and the homeless or persons likely to become homeless, as well as the County's administration of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.

DISCUSSION

Manatee County has identified 14 projects to implement the six goals of the Strategic Plan during the first year of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan. These projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons Countywide and within the County's Target Areas.

AP-55 Affordable Housing

INRODUCTION

The County places a high priority on providing affordable homeownership and rental opportunity in Manatee County. This goal shall be addressed, in part, by local non-profit organizations and developers that construct affordable housing for lower-income homebuyers. In addition, the County will continue to deliver its housing rehabilitation and rental assistance programs, and to support homebuyer education and Fair Housing activities. Finally, the County will also continue to partner with non-profit agencies to subsidize rental assistance through new Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

The Annual Action Plan must specify goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to be supported within the program year. These numbers are shown in **Table 62** and are inclusive of the affordable housing activities shown in **Table 57**, in addition to other planned housing activities identified in **Table 59**. **Table 63** indicates the number of households to be supported through specific activities, including rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units. For the purposes of this section, the term "affordable housing" is defined in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.252 for rental housing and 24 CFR 92.254 for homeownership. [This section replaces the former HUD Table 3B.]

TABLE 62: ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT REQUIREMENT

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	59
Special Needs	40
Total	***99***

Table 62 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

TABLE 63: ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT TYPE

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through:	
Rental Assistance	85
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	***95***

Table 63 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

DISCUSSION

The County will continue to deliver its long-standing housing programs, including housing rehabilitation, housing replacement, rental assistance, and down payment assistance through both federal and state programs, coordinate with non-profit organizations and for-profit developers that construct affordable housing, and support homebuyer education and Fair Housing activities. Additionally, the county seeks to assist four households with down payment assistance. All together, these housing activities will support 99 households through a combination of rehabilitation of existing units, down payment assistance, and short-term to medium-term rental assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes what actions Manatee County will take in the 2023/2024 program year to carry out the public housing portion of the Strategic Plan.

ACTIONS PLANNED DURING THE NEXT YEAR TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Currently, Manatee County has two Public Housing Authorities working within its borders. These include the Bradenton Public Housing Authority, which also manages the Hope VI housing project, and the Manatee County Housing Authority.

The units/vouchers administered by these PHAs are in constant demand. Typical wait time is 6 months to 2 years before receiving assistance. Currently, both public housing authorities have closed their waiting lists in an effort to manage the current demand.

According to the Manatee County Housing Authority, they have taken the following steps to ensure consistency between their planning efforts and the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction:

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting lists on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has participated in many consultation processes, organized and offered by Manatee County, in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during development of their Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan.

ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATE IN HOMEOWNERSHIP

All programs in the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan are available to public housing residents and address the common needs experienced by low-income persons, including public housing residents. In addition, public housing residents are encouraged to participate in the Annual Action Plan development process.

IF THE PHA IS DESIGNATED AS TROUBLED, DESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED OR OTHER ASSISTANCE

As of an audit completed in 2019, the Manatee County Housing Authority has a PHAS score of 92 and is designated as a high performer. For 2022, the Bradenton Housing Authority has a PHAS score of 65 and is considered a "substandard physical" and is not listed as troubled by HUD.

DISCUSSION

Affordable housing needs are met by multiple service providers in Manatee County. The MCHA currently administers public housing units and tenant-based vouchers (HCVs). The County will continue to coordinate referrals with the MCHA in order to connect low-income residents with housing options.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes Manatee County's one-year goal and the specific actions steps it will undertake in the program year to carry out the homeless strategy identified in the Strategic Plan. Additionally, this section addresses any activities related to the supportive housing needs of non-homeless populations.

DESCRIBE THE JURISDICTIONS ONE-YEAR GOALS AND ACTIONS FOR REDUCING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS

REACHING OUT TO HOMELESS PERSONS (ESPECIALLY UNSHELTERED PERSONS) AND ASSESSING THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Consistent with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan, Manatee County will pursue the goal of reduced homeless. To this end, the County has programmed activities that meet the objectives of the Strategic Plan. Activities include:

- Project Smile - Funding to pay for dentures, orthotics, and supplies for making such devices for homeless clients.
- Homeless Prevention - Funding will provide for housing relocation and stabilization services, and short-term and medium-term rental assistance

Strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan will continue to support the efforts of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc., through this Action Plan Program Year.

ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS

One of the County's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to assist non-profit service providers in obtaining additional funding sources for emergency shelters. The primary activities to address homelessness during the 2023/2024 program year is Homelessness Prevention by allocating the County's ESG grant to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

As stated previously, the dramatic increase in foreclosures as well as high housing and living costs could lead to homelessness for individuals and families. Manatee County continues to support programming that is designed to prevent homelessness by assisting homeowners and renters that find themselves behind in mortgage or rental payments. This type of temporary assistance can help families that truly find themselves in a unique situation that can be remedied by one-time support. Through the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the County will provide or housing relocation and stabilization services, and short-term and medium-term rental assistance.

HELPING HOMELESS PERSONS (ESPECIALLY CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH) MAKE THE TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING, INCLUDING SHORTENING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS, FACILITATING ACCESS FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND PREVENTING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO WERE RECENTLY HOMELESS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS AGAIN

Another of the County's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to promote and encourage the development of programs that facilitate the transition from homelessness into permanent housing. With ESG funds, the County supports homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services for the homeless through the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

HELPING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AVOID BECOMING HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO ARE: BEING DISCHARGED FROM PUBLICLY FUNDED INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS OF CARE (SUCH AS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, FOSTER CARE AND OTHER YOUTH FACILITIES, AND CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS); OR, RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES THAT ADDRESS HOUSING, HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, OR YOUTH NEEDS

Homeless prevention is a major concern and goal of Manatee County. Strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan will continue to support the efforts of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc., through this Action Plan Program Year.

During the 2023/2024 program year, Manatee County will coordinate with Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the County's designated Continuum of Care lead agency and other homeless service providers to implement a cohesive, community-wide discharge coordination policy that can be successfully implemented to ensure that persons being discharged from publicly funded agencies and institutions do not become homeless upon release. Programs currently meeting such need include Turning Points, Our Daily Bread, The Salvation Army, and Catholic Charities.

The County will coordinate with Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (lead agency) and other CoC member agencies that offer self-sufficiency training, medical/healthcare, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent homelessness in populations that may be discharged from systems of care but require housing assistance and continued access to related social services.

DISCUSSION

The County plans to allocate the entire ESG allocation (minus the 7.5% allowed administration budget) toward homeless services for the 2023/2024 program year. These activities will provide much needed services for the homeless population.

Special needs in Manatee County include meal and home repair assistance for seniors, supportive housing for persons with disabilities, substance abuse and mental health counseling, HIV/AIDS services, and support in response to domestic violence and at-risk youth. The following 2023/2024 program year activities will support persons with special needs. These activities include:

- Turning Points – Project Smile
- Manatee County Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

- Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Housing Preservation
- CAN Community Health – RU4M (Rental & Utilities 4 Manatee) AIDS/HIV
- Salvation Army – Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. - Unfunded Senior Meals
- AMFM Enterprise, Inc. - Allean's Loving Care

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing

INTRODUCTION

Manatee County is dedicated to providing affordable housing to homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households. During the 2023/2024 program year, the County will utilize the Housing Rapid Response Team, Land Development Code, Urban Corridor Plan, Affordable Housing Impact Fee Program, and the recently enacted Livable Manatee Incentive Program for Qualified New Affordable Housing that act to reduce barriers to and incentivize affordable housing. Moreover, County staff will review and identify required revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to further fair housing and remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing.

With regard to fair housing, Manatee County has in previous years made available funds to the Gulf Coast Legal Services for elderly, low- and moderate-income residents who are victims of predatory lending practices, foreclosure rescue scams, persons who are experiencing or who have experienced discrimination and/or fraud in housing and to remedy these matters through negotiation, mediation, or litigation.

ACTIONS IT PLANNED TO REMOVE OR AMELIORATE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PUBLIC POLICIES THAT SERVE AS BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUCH AS LAND USE CONTROLS, TAX POLICIES AFFECTING LAND, ZONING ORDINANCES, BUILDING CODES, FEES AND CHARGES, GROWTH LIMITATIONS, AND POLICIES AFFECTING THE RETURN ON RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

Public policies can have a direct impact on barriers to affordable housing. Manatee County has recognized this fact and has reviewed its own process to expose any barriers or obstacles to developing affordable housing. From this review, a few concerns were noted.

These included the review time by the staff and the cost to the developer, the limited code allowances for affordable or workforce housing, and impact fees. To alleviate these three concerns, a variety of policies and or regulations were put into practice. An in-depth description of these policies and regulations are provided within the Consolidated Plan. An overview is outlined here:

Housing Rapid Response Team – assists housing developers who wish to participate in the County's affordable/workforce housing programs expedite the development and permitting processes.
Manatee County Land Development Code – outlines incentives which may be available to developers of affordable/workforce housing developments. Developers for income-eligible households may seek expedited review and permit processing, review and permit fee refunds, and other incentives, as applicable.

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution on February 24, 2004, establishing the Manatee County Affordable Housing Impact Fee Program. Beginning June 19, 2004, Manatee County began to provide assistance to developers of owner-occupied affordable housing, in the form of reimbursement of a portion of impact fees for the creation of owner-occupied affordable housing for low- to moderate-income households. This incentive is currently under review for expansion of the program to include incentives for the creation of affordable rental units.

The County will provide assistance to make up the difference between the fees for County facilities in effect prior to June 19, 2004, and the fees adopted pursuant to Ordinance 04-19. Additionally, the County is now working toward payment of developer school impact fees for affordable housing development, serving low-to moderate-income households.

Manatee County is currently working on revisions to the affordable housing incentives in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, which will provide enhanced incentives for both owner-occupied and for affordable rental housing.

In subsequent years, Manatee County has provided assistance to make up the difference between the fees in effect prior to Ordinance 04-19.

Manatee County is dedicated to providing affordable housing to homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households. The County has developed the Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) To review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and is tasked with recommending specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.

Manatee County actively refers individuals and households looking for affordable housing to various programs and resources such as:

- Florida Housing Search: A web-based housing locator service that allows people to locate available housing that best fits their individual and family needs. The service can be accessed online 24 hours a day and is supported by a toll-free, bilingual call center M-F, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm EDT. Individuals can easily search for housing using a wide variety of search criteria with special mapping features and receive apartment listings that provide a multitude of important information about each unit. In addition, the site connects people to other housing resources through website links and provides helpful tools for renters such as an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and renter rights and responsibilities information.
- Volunteers of America - Manatee County: Provides income eligible housing and behavioral healthcare services in quiet, residential communities that are located on bus routes and convenient to employment opportunities.
- Manatee County Housing Authority: Public Housing Authority (PHA) that provides low-income rental assistance within Manatee County.
- Manatee County Rental List: A list of rental properties and apartments located throughout Manatee County complete with addresses and contact information.
- United Way 2-1-1 Manasota: Provides free and confidential information and referral services 24/7 that connect people to local resources.
- Turning Points: Provide housing services such as rental and utility assistance.
- Salvation Army: Provide housing services such as rental and utility assistance.

Manatee County will continue providing housing programs and services, as resources are available, through the Community and Veterans Services Department. These programs include:

- Certified Lending Training

- Downpayment Assistance
- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Housing Replacement Program

Finally, there are additional opportunities for homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to obtain affordable housing. Manatee County has in previous years made available funds to the Gulf Coast Legal Services for elderly, low- and moderate-income residents who are victims of predatory lending practices, foreclosure rescue scams, persons who are experiencing or who have experienced discrimination and/or fraud in housing and to remedy these matters through negotiation, workouts, mediation or litigation.

DISCUSSION

During the 2023/2024 program year, the County will utilize the Housing Rapid Response Team, Land Development Code, Urban Corridor Plan, Affordable Housing Impact Fee Program, and the recently enacted Livable Manatee Incentive Program for Qualified New Affordable Housing (effective August 22, 2017) to reduce barriers to and incentivize affordable housing. It should also be noted that, through the development of the AFH, the County identified several policies and regulations that need to be reviewed with the goal in determining what impediments to fair housing and barriers to affordable housing exist within these policies. The Land Development Code and County Comprehensive Plan were identified as documents that will need to be reviewed. During the 2023/2024 program year, County staff will review and identify required revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to further fair housing and remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes the Manatee County's planned actions to carry out the following strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan:

- Foster and maintain affordable housing;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families;

- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

In addition, the County has identified obstacles to meeting underserved needs and proposed actions to overcome those obstacles.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO ADDRESS OBSTACLES TO MEETING UNDERSERVED NEEDS

One obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of resources. Given that entitlement programs have been reduced over the last several fiscal years, during the 2023/2024 program year, Manatee County will continue to review alternative sources of funds to help address the needs of County residents. Efforts will be made to submit grant applications to Federal, State, and local agencies, as staffing allows. Specific grant applications could include prisoner re-entry into society, mental health services, infrastructure improvements, and neighborhood revitalization.

The County has also identified the poverty-level renter and homeowner housing requirements as a major underserved need. Although the County supports the construction of low-income rental projects, these projects, which are primarily funded through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, only reach up to 60% of median family income. Therefore, there is still a group of low-income residents who are unable to be housed through these initiatives. These projects include HOME, SHIP and other state funds, but are generally projects funded through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, and the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program. During the 2023/2024 program year, Manatee County will utilize incentive programs, such as the Livable Manatee Incentive Program for Qualified Affordable Housing (enacted in 2017), to foster additional rental units affordable to low income residents.

Neighborhood resistance to group homes is also an obstacle; however, the State now requires that communities allow small group homes (6 people and under) in all residential zoning districts. This has alleviated some of the obstacles towards meeting this need.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The County will continue to deliver its long-standing housing programs, including housing rehabilitation, housing replacement, rental assistance, and down payment assistance, coordinate with non-profit organizations and developers that construct affordable housing, and support homebuyer education and

Fair Housing activities. These housing activities will support 99 households through a combination of production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, direct financial assistance, and short-term to medium-term rental assistance.

Also during the 2023/2024 program year, the County will utilize the Housing Rapid Response Team, Land Development Code, Urban Corridor Plan, Affordable Housing Impact Fee Program, and the Livable Manatee Incentive Program for Qualified New Affordable Housing (effective August 22, 2017) to reduce barriers to and incentivize affordable housing. These programs foster affordable housing through expedited review and permitting, impact fee waivers, density and height allowances, and other measures to facilitate the production of new units affordable to low and moderate-income residents.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO REDUCE LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

During the coming year, the Manatee County Health Department will continue to test low-income children for lead poisoning, as well as investigate any cases found. The County will meet the requirements of the new lead-based paint regulations by undertaking the actions shown in the Consolidated Plan as outlined below.

Participating contractors who have not attended the training continue to be encouraged to obtain training certification in lead-based paint safety procedures. The County will address the lead-based paint hazards that are found in all homes rehabilitated with the County's CDBG and/or HOME funds. Only homes that are pre-1978 are subject to the lead-based paint provisions and, fortunately, many homes in Manatee County were constructed after 1978.

The County will continue to encourage appropriate staff and participating contractors to attend training and obtain certification in "Lead-Based Paint Safe Work Practices" for County construction and rehabilitation projects.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POVERTY-LEVEL FAMILIES

Through activities proposed in the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, Manatee County has developed a program that will serve poverty level families and those in need. Through various housing initiatives the County will aim to increase the number of affordable units available, along with providing funds to rehabilitation substandard housing for income qualified households.

Also, with regards to financial literacy programs, legal services, and homeless prevention the County will provide a series of public services that address the priority needs identified within the Consolidated Plan.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO DEVELOP INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

The County has a strong institutional structure in place to carry out its housing and community development strategies. The County's CVS department will administer the CDBG, HOME, and ESG, programs.

In conjunction with other County operating departments, CVS will work to implement public works projects proposed by the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan or any of the annual Action Plans.
Manatee County, unlike many others, has a dedicated tax millage for services for abused, neglected, and at-risk children to supplement similar programs. Accordingly, CVS and the County's non-profit agencies have long-standing ties and an effective delivery system for social services to the youth. CVS will integrate the public service activities proposed in the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan with these ongoing operations.

Manatee County receives SHIP and HOME funding. CVS has an effective public/private affordable housing production system in place. The affordable housing activities proposed in the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be integrated into these ongoing operations.

Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. is the lead agency for Continuum of Care in Manatee County. This is the non-profit entity that will administer the Continuum of Care process and homeless funding for both Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Representatives from Manatee County government, public housing authority, law enforcement, homeless providers, and mental health providers are members of this organization. This entity will be responsible for developing the Continuum of Care plan and prioritizing homeless funding for Manatee County, alongside the homeless task force and the CoC Leadership Council.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO ENHANCE COORDINATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

The Manatee County CVS will continue to coordinate with various community groups and service agencies to determine objectives and goals through the public participation process. These groups play a vital role in implementing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the One-Year Action Plans, CAPERs, and any proposed Substantial Amendments. All stakeholders are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the implementation of this Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

For the first-year Annual Action Plan, the County will support activities that will address underserved needs through community development and public services; foster and maintain affordable housing through rehabilitation, replacement, and homebuyer assistance; reduce lead-based paint hazards through responsible rehabilitation; reduce the number of poverty-level families through a combination public services, housing initiatives, and economic development activities; and continue to develop and maintain an institutional structure through a network of community partners, including the County and its departments. Additionally, the County will continue to encourage coordination with the MCHA, non-profit and private for-profit housing developers, and public service providers, Annual Action Plan participation, and regular day-to-day referrals through CVS.

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

INTRODUCTION

This section addresses the program specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan; included are the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220. (I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in **Table 59**. **Table 64** identifies any program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out. As shown, no program income is available.

TABLE 64: AVAILABLE PROGRAM INCOME

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

Table 64 – Available Program Income

TABLE 65: OTHER CDBG REQUIREMENTS

Available Program Income	Amount
1. The amount of urgent need activities	$0
65. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income (for year 2023/2024). *Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.*	100%

Table 65 – Other CDBG Requirements

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

   The County will use funding from the State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) and/or other federal grants for the matching requirements under the HOME program.

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

   Manatee County uses the recapture method for the entire amount of HOME funds provided as a subsidy, when HOME-assisted homeownership housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the assisted homebuyer for the full affordability period. The recapture provision is subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale, voluntary or involuntary, of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, the County can only recapture the net

proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus the superior loan repayment and closing costs. This language is included in the loan documents. These funds will be used by the County for other eligible HOME activities.

The proceeds from the sale of a CHDO property are retained by the CHDO and used in conformance with 24 CFR 92.300(a)(2).

3. **A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**
   See the response to number 2, above.

4. **Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**
   The County will not use HOME funds to refinance the existing debt for multi-family projects.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(I)(4)

1. **Include written standards for providing ESG assistance:**
   In Program Year 2023/2024, Manatee County will receive its first allocation of ESG funding for the 2023 – 2027 Consolidated Planning cycle in the amount of $157,064, made available through the HEARTH Act from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds will be utilized in support of homeless prevention and rapid rehousing for the homeless. The Continuum of Care (CoC) and Homeless Providers have prepared written standards which are located within the Appendix of this report, and will be updated during the lifetime of this Consolidated Plan.

2. **If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system:**
   The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, our lead agency for the Manatee and Sarasota Continuum of Care (CoC), has established a coordinated entry and assessment system in full compliance with HUD requirements. This system includes designated access points where the homeless and those at risk can receive an intake and assessment into the system by a trained

professional, and be prioritized for housing resources. The Manatee and Sarasota CoC coordinated entry system also includes trained outreach specialists who can serve as access points on the streets.

The CoC meets regularly to share best practices, solve problems and introduce new ideas. Some very important activities entrusted to the CoC are the homeless task force, annual point-in-time census of homeless individuals, and the corresponding survey of available emergency shelter beds, transitional housing units, and permanent housing units. This data helps the members with vital information on the needs and gaps in the system, and helps redirect services, funding and other resources as the needs of the community's homeless populations shift.

The CoC has established a centralized assessment system using HMIS principles. The CoC leadership council approves all major changes and updates to coordinated entry system. The current coordinated entry system is Oneby1. The One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System (CES) allows for people in Sarasota and Manatee County to access needed housing and other services through a uniform screening and assessment, defined prioritization and program matching guidelines, and monitored referrals to services to help those seeking housing and services access programs more efficiently. Clients who are literally homeless, or cannot be otherwise diverted, will receive a One*by*1 Coordinated Entry Access Point Intake at one of the 9 Access Points in our community. Clients are then added to the Community By-Name List (BNL) and prioritized for referral to a housing project.

3. **Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private non-profit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations) will be allocated:**

   Manatee County is collaborating with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC), to appropriately allocate and administer these funds. The County aims to leverage these ESG dollars with the CoC which already receives and allocates grant dollars from the State of Florida. By leveraging funds, the County can ensure that the ESG funds make the most positive impact possible.

Manatee County's match amount for ESG will come from the Community Coalition on Homelessness d/b/a Turning Points, which receives grant funds through other non-federal sources.

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

   Manatee County itself does not have homeless or formerly homeless individuals elected to the commission but actively participates in the CoC Leadership Council for policy discussions and funding decisions. The CoC Leadership Council includes those with lived homeless experience, and the CoC membership includes active participants who are currently homeless or have past lived experience.

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

   During 2023/2024 program year, Manatee County will work with the CoC and homeless providers to create additional performance standards that ensure that ESG funds are used efficiently. This is being done in collaboration with the CoC Leadership Council.

DISCUSSION

Manatee County anticipates $1,847,283 CDBG funds, $682,570 in HOME funds and $157,064 in ESG funds. As shown in **Table 65** the County has not identified funds for urgent need activities at this time; however, the percentage of overall benefit to low- and moderate-income persons is expected to be 100%. Manatee has calculated the percentage of overall benefit based on the first program year (2023/2024).

Citizen Participation Plan



Statement of Purpose

Manatee County recognizes that citizen participation is a very important part of the consolidated planning process. To better guide the County's outreach in gaining citizen input, the County has developed a Citizen Participation Plan. The Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan is designed to create opportunities for citizens to be involved in the development of the Consolidate Plan, Annual Action Plans, the implementation of Substantial Amendments, Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). These plans and documents are required in order to keep compliance with federal regulations related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

This update to the Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioner on July 25, 2023, with the Consolidated Plan and supersedes all the previous versions.

Introduction

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan to explain the opportunity all residents have to participate in the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan. The Manatee County Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department is responsible for administering the Citizen Participation Plan. The overall goal of the Consolidated Plan is to utilize federal, state and local funding in a coordinated manner to promote the development of viable communities. Viable communities are described as meeting the residents' needs in regards to affordable and decent housing, a safe and suitable living environment, and adequate economic opportunities particularly for low- and moderate-income persons. Citizen participation will be encouraged during development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, any Substantial Amendments, AFH, and the CAPER, by providing notice to residents and local organizations through various media methods.

The Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies to be used for citizen participation and outlines the procedures to be used to encourage the participation of all Manatee County residents – especially residents who are low-income, minorities, non-English speaking, disabled, and persons with HIV/ AIDS.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, Manatee County will host, at a minimum, one Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) public hearing during the development of the Consolidated Plan, prior to its proposed adoption by the Board of County Commissioners for submission to HUD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County will publish a notice of availability of the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan for public review in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in the local newspaper. The date of publication will be the beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the Consolidated Plan as well as a summary of those sections of the Consolidated Plan that concern HOME funds. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire Consolidated Plan may be examined and provide instructions on how to submit public comment.

COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to the BOCC's approval of the Consolidated Plan, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The County shall publish a draft of the Consolidated Plan (including the corresponding Annual Action Plan) to be available during the 30-day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the Consolidated Plan prior to adoption.

During the 30-day comment period, the Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department will receive written comments on the Consolidated Plan from the public and will later include those comments and the County's responses in the final publication of the Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Upon request, the Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department of Manatee County will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

The Manatee County BOCC, as the elected authority of the citizens of Manatee County, has responsibility for the Consolidated Plan. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Board. The BOCC authorizes final publication of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan as well as their submission to HUD.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the program year. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

Annual Action Plan

Each program year, as a part of the consolidated planning process, Manatee County must develop an Annual Action Plan that identifies sources of funding, statement of objectives, description of projects, graphic distribution, monitoring of sub-recipients, and results of past efforts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 30-day public comment period as required by HUD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in the local newspaper no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment. The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and all pertinent information as to where the

Annual Action Plan is available for public examination, including the location's address and hours of availability.

COMMENT PERIOD

A 30-day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan will be established for public review prior to submission to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners for final consideration and adoption.

Hard copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. The Community and Veteran's Department will provide electronic copies of the Annual Action Plan to interested citizens and organizations upon request.

Once the Annual Action Plan has been approved by the BOCC and submitted to HUD, a 45-day HUD review period will commence.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the program year. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

Amendments

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, Manatee County will amend its approved plans whenever Community and Veterans Services Department staff makes one of the following decisions:

- To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

Manatee County will make amendments public and will notify HUD that an amendment has been made. In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105(c)(1), Manatee County may submit any amendments at the end of the program year, along with the CAPER. Letters transmitting copies of amendments will be signed by the official representative authorized to take such action.

Substantial Amendments

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105(b), only Substantial Amendments are subject to a citizen participation process. Prior to the submission of any substantial change in the proposed use of funds, citizens will have reasonable notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, the proposed amendment using the citizen participation methods outlined in this Citizen Participation Plan and/or other methods that result in effective notice and comment.

A Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan(s) will be carried out when Community and Veterans Services Department staff identifies:

- Federal law or regulation require such action; or
- Priority needs and goals not previously described in the plans are identified.

If there are changes because of legislative authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) causes changes in rules, regulations and guidelines which impact the CDBG, HOME, or ESG Programs, said changes will supersede any/all of the provisions contained in this Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Substantial Amendments to the CDBG, HOME, or ESG activities shall require approval by the Manatee County BOCC. The BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing for public input on any Substantial Amendments. In the event that Manatee County is closed to the public, virtual public meetings and hearings may be used instead. Check www.mymanatee.org for notices of all public meetings, including virtual hearings. Virtual hearings will be used in lieu of in-person hearing if national or local health authorities recommend social distancing and limit public gatherings for public health reasons. Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan for a new activity or a substantial change, the County will publish a notice of the substantial change in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment. When a smaller publication serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs population is not available, the notice in the newspaper of general circulation will include a Spanish language notice.

COMMENT PERIOD

The public shall be given an opportunity to comment on any Substantial Amendments made to the County's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. After proper notice is given, a 30-day public review period will be required to obtain public comment prior to BOCC approval.

Copies of the draft Substantial Amendments will be made available for review by the Community and Veterans Services Department and on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Copies of the Substantial Amendments will be made available to interested citizens and organizations upon request.

Performance Reports

Each year the County will issue a Performance Report showing the progress it has made in carrying out its Strategic Plan and Action Plan.

The Performance Report, or the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), will include a description of the resources available, the investment of those resources, where those resources were spent geographically, persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted), actions taken to further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. The County must send HUD a CAPER by December 30 or within 90 days of the close of the program year. Manatee County's program year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The County will hold a minimum of one public hearing with the BOCC to consider any comments or views of citizens in relation to the published CAPER. A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper and on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

COMMENT PERIOD

The County will receive comments and make all CAPERs available to the public at least 15 days prior to submission to HUD. The County will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings in preparing the final version of CAPERs.

A summary of these comments will be attached to the Performance Report, upon completion of the final version to be submitted to HUD. HUD conducts a 30-day review of the CAPER after submission.

Copies of the draft CAPER will be made available for viewing by the Community and Veterans Services Department and located on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Electronic copies of the CAPER will be provided to interested citizens and organizations, upon request.

Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, a minimum of two public hearings shall be held:

- One public hearing shall be held for public input for the AFH, prior to the draft document being made available for 30-day public comment.
- An additional public hearing shall be held within the noticed 30-day public comment period and prior to approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County will publish a notice of availability of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for public review in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations. The date of publication will be the beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the AFH will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the AFH. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the AFH, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire AFH may be examined.

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COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to the BOCC's approval of the AFH, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The County shall publish a draft of the AFH to be available during the 30-day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the AFH prior to approval and submission to HUD. During the 30-day comment period, the Community and Veterans Services Department will receive written comments on the AFH from the public and will later include those comments and the County's responses in the final publication of the AFH.

Copies of the draft AFH will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System. Upon request, the Community and Veterans Services Department of Manatee County will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

The Manatee County BOCC, as the elected authority of the citizens of Manatee County, has responsibility for the AFH. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Board. The BOCC authorizes final publication of the AFH as well as their submission to HUD.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the AFH will be submitted to HUD.

Consultation

During the development of the AFH and/or Consolidated Plan Year Manatee County will make every effort to consult with other public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons. The agencies may include local Public Housing Authorities and the local Continuum of Care. Manatee County shall also consult with community-based and regionally based organizations that represent protected class members and organizations that enforce fair housing laws when preparing both the AFH and the Consolidated Plan.

Consultation will also include coordination with regional government agencies in addition to adjacent units of general local government and local government agencies. This includes local government agencies with metropolitan-wide planning and transportation responsibilities.

Comments/Grievances

The County's Community and Veterans Services Department Director or designee will provide a timely written response to complaints, comments, and grievances, within 15 working days, where practicable.

Public Hearings/Public Notices

Manatee County will host, at a minimum, two public hearings with the BOCC annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term.

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period as required by HUD. A second BOCC public hearing will be held later in the program year to consider comments from citizens regarding the published Performance Report (CAPER).

To ensure that advance notice is provided to the public and that BOCC public hearings are accessible to persons with special needs, the County will:

- Publish a notice of the BOCC public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate- income persons or special needs populations 10 days prior to the day of the BOCC public hearing to allow interested parties to attend.
- Published notices in readable size and provide complete summary information on the purpose of the BOCC public hearing, the date, time and location of the BOCC public hearing, and contact information for persons who may have questions about the BOCC public hearing or who may require information regarding accessibility for persons with special needs.
- Provide a translator at the prior written request of an individual or organization representing non-English speaking persons. Written requests must be made to the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department, a minimum of five business days prior to BOCC public hearing dates.

- Disseminate this information at appropriate County libraries, government offices and public spaces.

Community Meetings

Manatee County will host, at a minimum, two community meetings with low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term to solicit comments on the strategies and proposed use of funds and to review program performance.

To ensure that advance notice is provided to the public and that community meetings are accessible to persons with special needs, the County will:

- Publish a notice of the community meeting in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations 10 days prior to the day of the community meeting to allow interested parties to attend.
- Publish notices in readable size and provide complete summary information on the purpose of the community meeting, the date, time and location of the community meeting, and contact information for persons who may have questions about the community meeting or who may require information regarding accessibility for persons with special needs.
- Disseminate this information at appropriate County libraries, government offices and public spaces.

Access to Information

Citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, including those most affected, will have the opportunity to receive information, and review and submit comments on any proposed submission concerning any of the following documents:

- The proposed Annual Action Plans
- The proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Proposed Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action Plan or the Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- CAPER (Annual Performance Reports)
- The Citizens Participation Plan

- Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
- Other plans requiring submission to HUD

Copies of the previously identified documents will be made available at advertised public buildings and upon request from the Community and Veterans Services Department.

All correspondence, records, and minutes of BOCC public hearings will be retained by the Community and Veterans Services Department and by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. All input received through, or in association with, community meetings and workshops will be retained by the Community and Veterans Services Department only. Any pertinent information such as written proposals from a citizens group, etc., will be presented to the Community and Veterans Services Department staff for review and consideration. If assistance in reading or obtaining program records is needed, the Community and Veterans Services Department should be contacted at 941-749- 3030 or interested parties can access records at the Community and Veterans Services Department at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

Interested parties may also access many of the program documents at the Manatee County website, www.mymanatee.org.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will be provided to citizens, citizen groups, non-profit organizations and agencies as needed in developing project proposals. Such assistance is available upon request from the Community and Veterans Services Department. Anyone needing technical assistance should contact the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department at 941-749-3030.

Anti-Displacement

The County has not, nor does it anticipate, funding any activities that will displace any residents or businesses. If displacement does occur, the County will follow all applicable requirements set forth by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act, its Local Relocation and Anti-Displacement Policy, and any other required state and Federal regulations.

Use of Plan

Manatee County will follow this Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, AFH, and the Performance Report.

For more information regarding the Consolidated Plan or to submit your comments, inquiries and complaints concerning the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, AFH, or the Performance Reports can be conveyed by contacting the County staff at:

Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department
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Bradenton, FL 34205
Telephone: 941-749-3030 • Fax: 941-742-5848
Manatee County, FL

Complaints and related comments on the programs may also be offered at the public hearings. Written complaints may also be made to the Jacksonville Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Planning and Development Division Charles Bennett Federal Building
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Telephone: 904-232-1777
Fax: 904-232-3617

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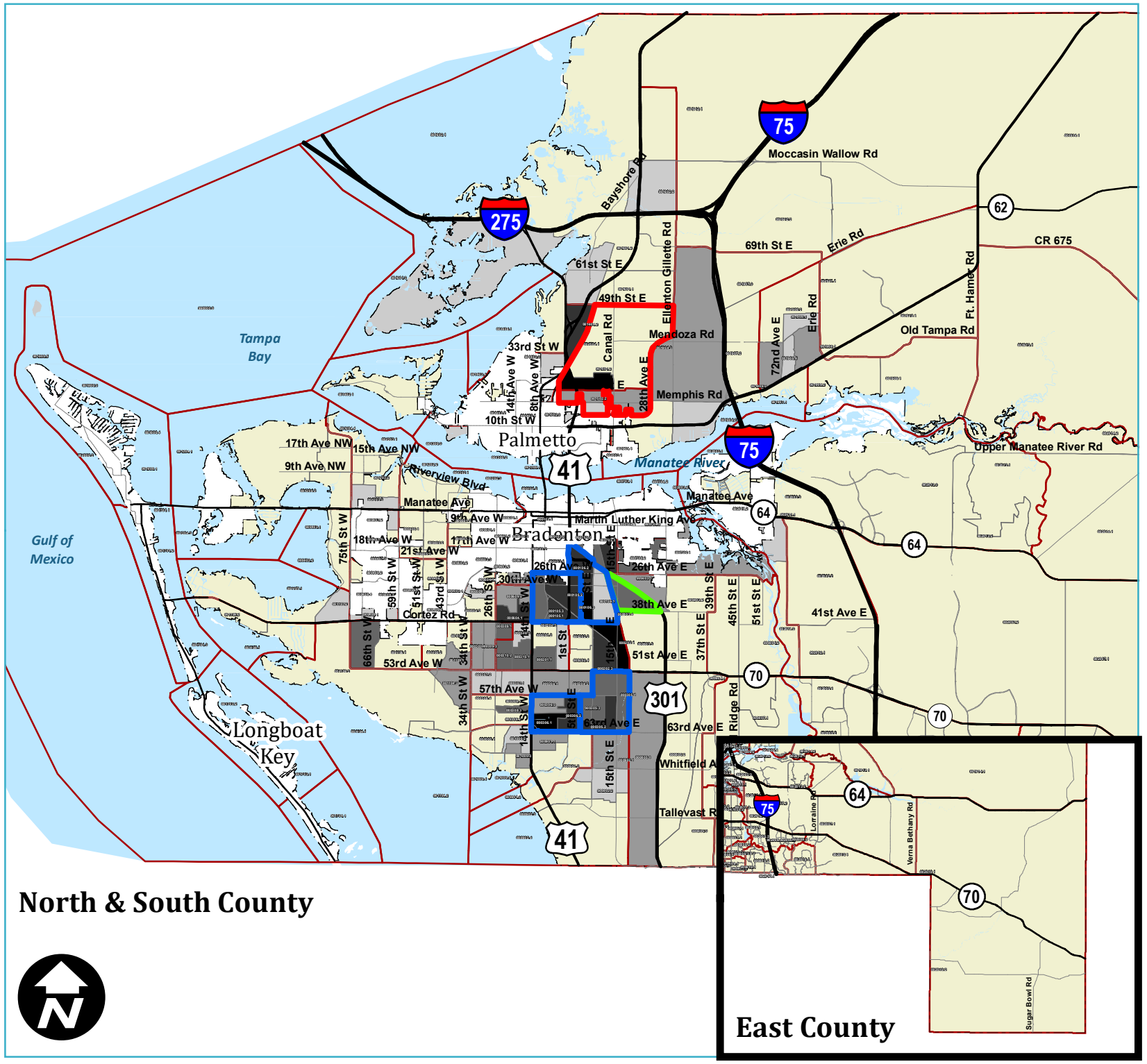
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Maps

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Low & Moderate Income Areas



Low and Moderate Income Areas

Percentage of Low/Mod Income (< 80% AMI)
Population by Block Group

- <= 50%
- 51% - 60%
- 61% - 70%
- 71% - 80%
- 81% - 90%
- > 90%
- R/ECAP Target Area
- Samoset Target Area
- Washington Park Target Area
- Census Tracts (2015)
- Incorporated Cities
- Unincorporated Manatee County
- Water
- Interstates
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads

Source: 2015 TIGER/Line Shapefiles (Block Groups); 2022 HUD LMISD (2011-2015 ACS, Base Data); 2020 HUD Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Tool (AFFHT), Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP), accessed June 2023.

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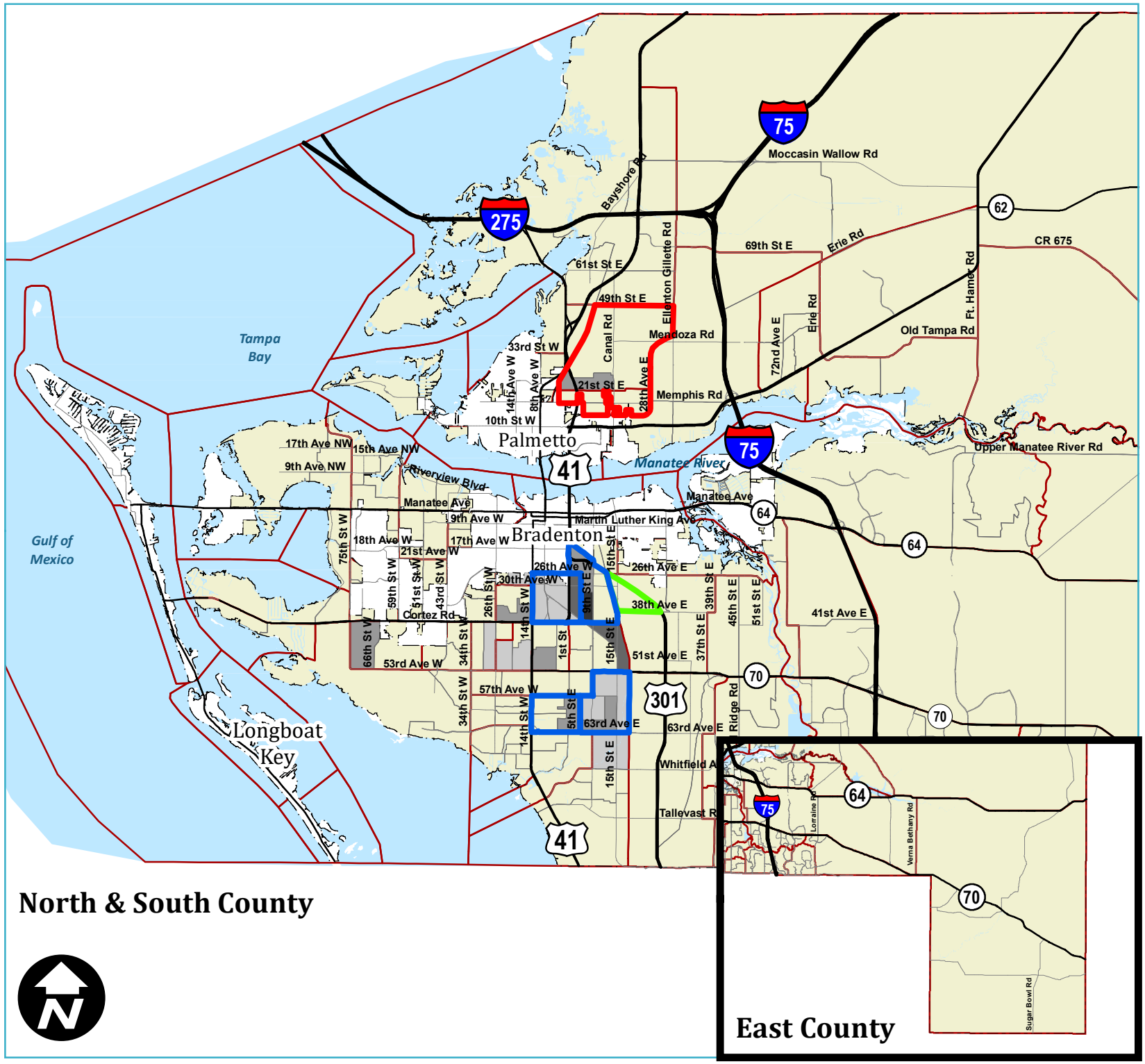
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Low Income Areas



Low Income Areas

Percentage of Low Income (< 50% AMI)
Population by Block Group

- <= 50%
- 51% - 60%
- 61% - 70%
- 71% - 80%
- 81% - 90%
- > 90%
- R/ECAP Target Area
- Samoset Target Area
- Washington Park Target Area
- Census Tracts (2015)
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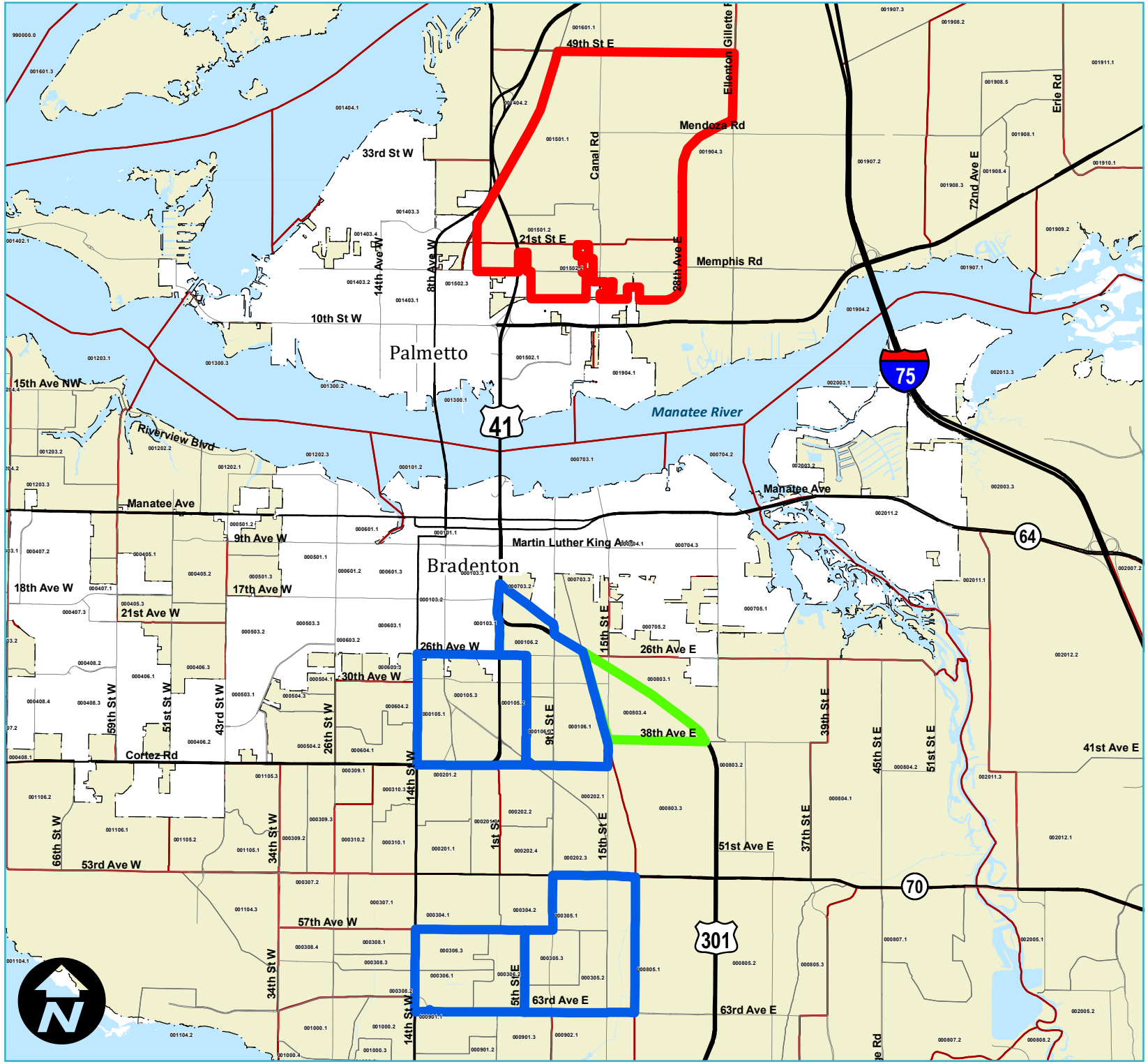
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Target Areas



- R/ECAP Target Area
- Samoset Target Area
- Washington Park Target Area
- Census Tracts (2015)
- Block Groups (2015) [000000.0]
- Incorporated Cities
- Unincorporated Manatee County
- Water
- Interstates
- Major Roads
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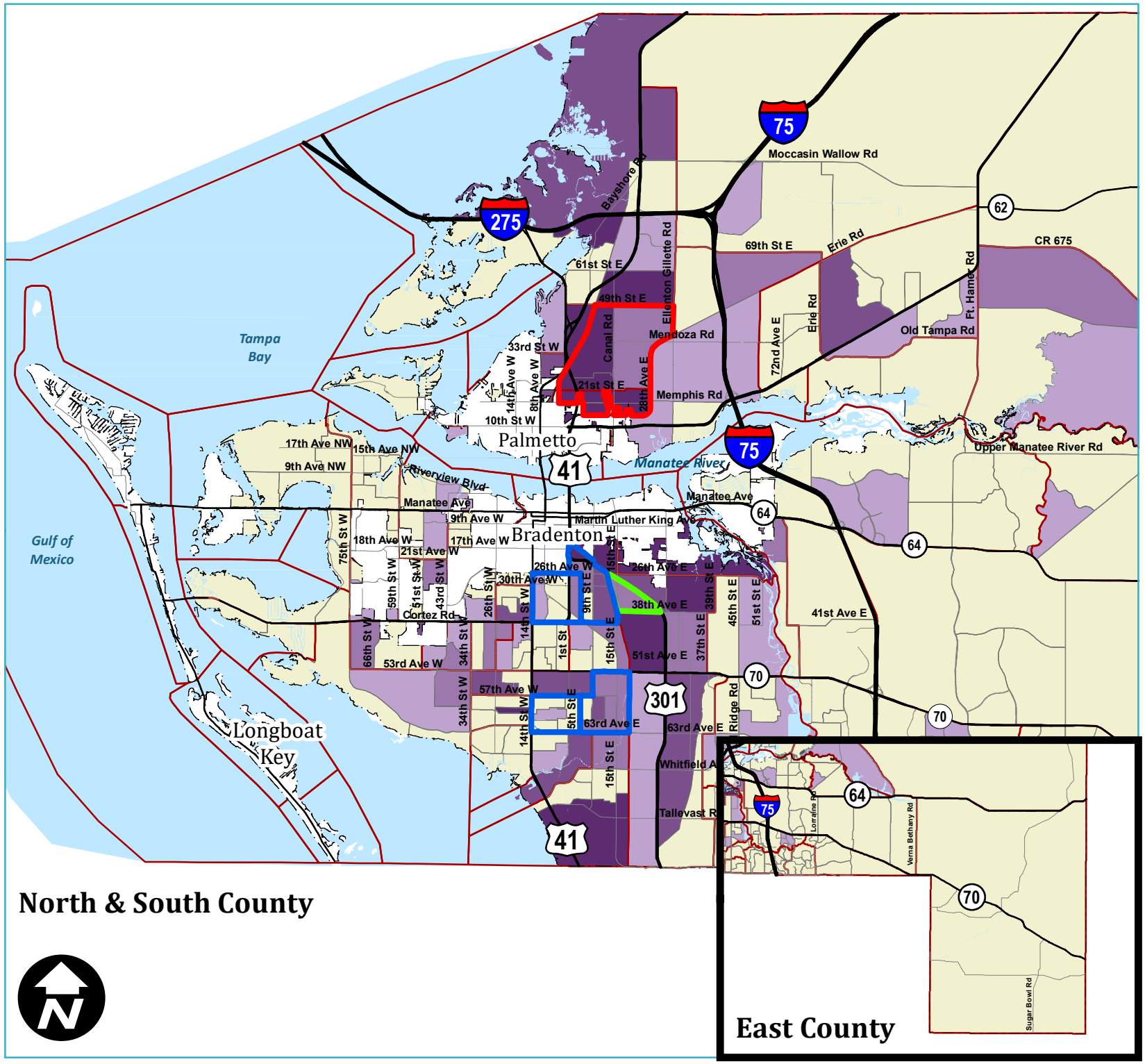
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Black/African American Population



Black/African American Population

Percentage of Black/African American Population by Block Group

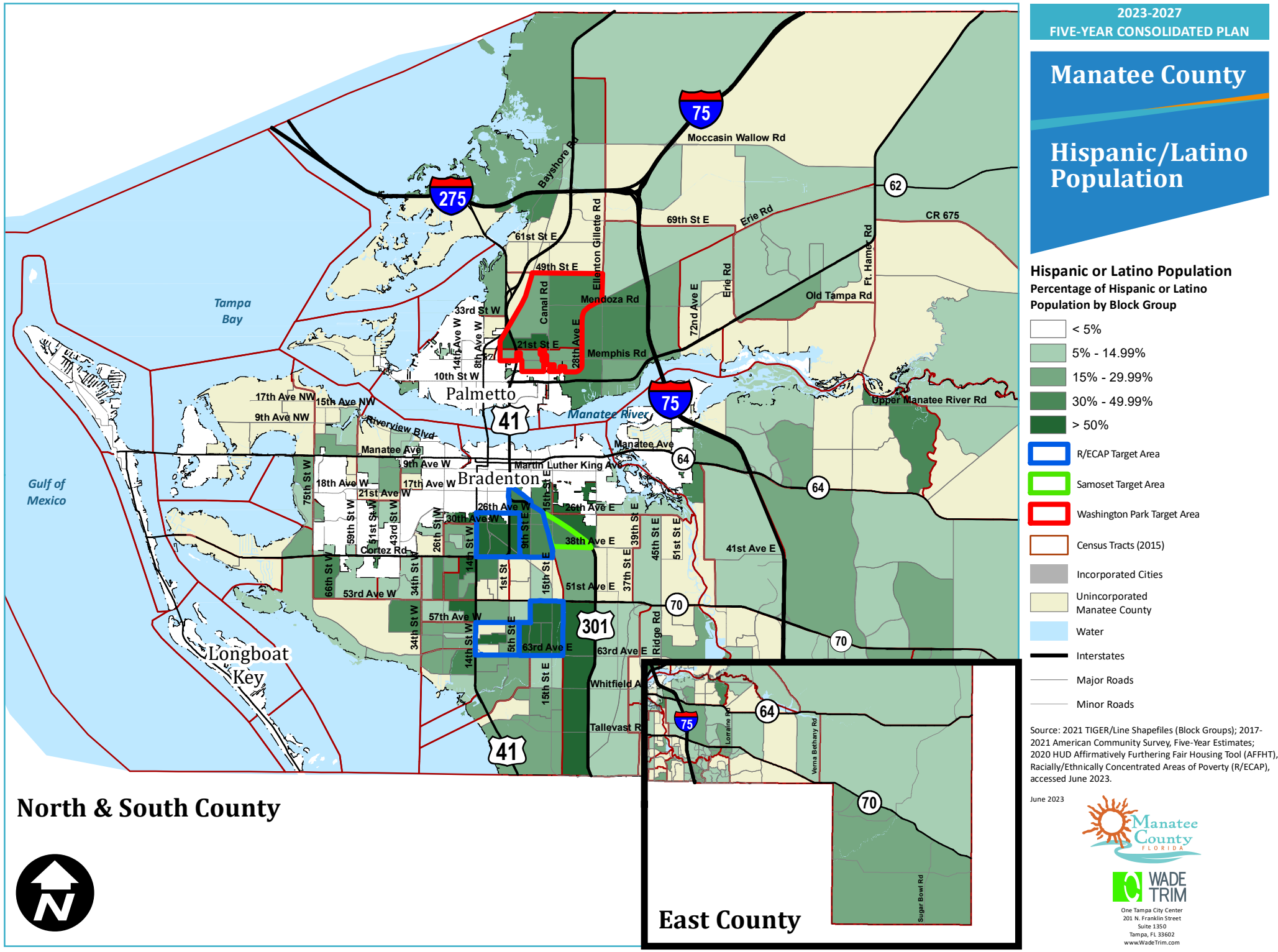
- < 5%
- 5% - 9.99%
- 10% - 19.99%
- 20% - 29.99%
- > 30%
- R/ECAP Target Area
- Samoset Target Area
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Hispanic/Latino Population
Hispanic or Latino Population
Percentage of Hispanic or Latino Population by Block Group
< 5%
5% - 14.99%
15% - 29.99%
30% - 49.99%
> 50%
R/ECAP Target Area
Samoset Target Area
Washington Park Target Area
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41st Ave E
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26th Ave E
Whitfield Ave
Tallevast Rd
Lorraine Rd
Verna Bethany Rd
Sugar Bowl Rd
Ridge Rd
75
275
41
301
62
64
70
North & South County
East County

Public Participation

RESOLUTION R-23-114

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MANATEE COUNTY 2023-2028 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, THE 2023/2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND UPDATE TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Manatee County is eligible to receive federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, Manatee County conducted public input efforts on unmet housing and community development needs with residents and stakeholders through a Community Survey, four community group meetings, one Board of County Commissioners Special Session, and two Public Hearings between February 6 and July 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a 30-day public comment period on the draft Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, and update to the Citizen Participation Plan was held between June 26, 2023 and July 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan is a prerequisite for receiving funds under HUD's program, and the Plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short and long-term community development objectives; and

WHEREAS, the process for adopting the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan is outlined in Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan, HUD regulations and regulatory waivers, and each of those steps have been followed in this process; and

WHEREAS, the activities are designed to provide decent housing, suitable living environment, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and expand economic opportunities, which are consistent with the goals of the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Manatee County FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan is required to receive funds under HUD's program; and

WHEREAS, the update to Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan abide by all applicable regulations set forth by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Plans were developed with public input from all concerned citizens and organizations on housing and community development needs, which were considered by staff and incorporated into the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, the FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan and the update to the Citizen Participation Plan as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. Resolution R-23-114 is hereby adopted to provide for the approval of the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, the FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, and the update to the Citizen Participation Plan attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

2. The Chairman is hereby authorized to sign any documents from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) necessary to implement the Federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG program activities as approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, including the Non-State Certifications and federal assistance applications (SF424 forms)

3. The Chairman is hereby authorized to sign and execute upon receipt of the HUD Grant Agreements for Federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG program activities as approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

4. Submission of this resolution along with the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, the FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan and the update to the Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is hereby authorized.

5. The Director of the Community and Veterans Services Department, or designee, is hereby authorized to approve and execute subrecipient funding agreements, amendments, and associated standard Land Use Restriction Agreements, and authorize payments up to the maximum allowable funding for Manatee County's HUD entitlement funding under CDBG, HOME, and ESG program activities as approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

6. The Director of the Community and Veterans Services Department, or designee, is hereby authorized to approve and execute changes in project and activity scope, funding, and location, project and activity creation, elimination, and funding reallocations associated with the Manatee County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, following decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners, requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan and all applicable Federal Regulations governing Manatee County HUD Entitlement Funding.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 25th day of July 2023.

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Julissa Santana
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chairman

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

Exhibit A

Summary of the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan

The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the County to receive its entitlement funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs. It is a community-driven plan designed to assess the community's priority needs for affordable housing and community development, housing market analysis, and Strategic Plan. The programing goals identified by Manatee County for the five-year entitlement funding cycle include: Goal 1 - Increase access to affordable housing; Goal 2 - Reduce homelessness in Manatee County; Goal 3 - Support health care and wellbeing activities for special needs populations; Goal 4 - Provide access to community supportive services and economic development opportunities; and Goal 5 - Expand Community Development Strategies.

Summary of the Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan Update

The goal of the Citizen Participation Plan is to provide citizens, especially low- and moderate-income citizens of the community, where HUD-funded activities will take place an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the programs and projects delineated by the Manatee County Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, and the Consolidated Annual Performance Reports (CAPERs). The update to the Citizen Participation Plan aligns the requirements set forth by Title 24 Part 91 for performing Amendment and Substantial Amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, and CAPERs.

Summary of the Manatee County FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan

The Action Plan includes an estimate of available resources from private and public sources to address identified needs; a description of the priorities and specific objectives to be addressed in this program year; a summary of the eligible programs or projects that Manatee County will undertake to address the needs; a description of the geographic areas of the County in which assistance will be directed; a description of the projects to address the needs of the homeless. near-homeless and special needs populations; the plans to reduce the number of poverty level families; a description of the activities to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards; and the standards in which the County will monitor its housing and community development projects.

Statement of Proposed Budget and Use of Estimated Funds

Sources of Funds

2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement (CDBG)	$1,847,283.00
2023/2024 HOME Investment Partnership Program	$ 682,570.00
2023/2024 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	$ 157,064.00
TOTAL	**$2,686,917.00**

Use of Funds

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

1. 22664 AM and FM Enterprise, Inc. - Allean's Loving Care 23/24 - **$90,000.00**

Project will provide in-home care and companionship to elderly adults with special needs.

2. 22637 Centerstone of Florida - Samoset Community Resource Center Phase 2 - **$250,000.00**

The funding will be used to complete the Samoset Community Resource Center (CRC) renovations that will offer unified community services on substance abuse and mental health.

3. 22776 Gulfcoast Legal Services - 2023/24 Housing Legal Services - **$70,000.00**

The project will provide legal services to low- and moderate-income residents for housing related issues.

4. 22745 Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center - Fire Safety Improvement - **$35,000.00**

The project will enable the construction and installation of a new fire escape at the Center.

5. 22682 Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. - Unfunded Senior Meals 2023-24 - **$50,000.00**

Funding will be provided to pay for meals for the elderly.

6. 22793 Turning Points - Project Smile 2023-24 - **$67,000.00**

The project will provide access to uninsured low-income residents to free dental care and oral prosthetics.

7. Manatee County Community and Veterans Services - 2023-2028 Homeowner Down Payment Assistance Program - **$300,000.00**

Funding will be provided to assist with a portion of down payment and closing costs for income qualified first time home buyers.

8. Manatee County Community and Veterans Services - 2023-2028 Homeowner Rehab/Replacement Program - **$615,800.00**

Funding will be provided to rehabilitate income qualified homeowner occupied residences.

9. Manatee County Community and Veterans Services - 23/24 CDBG Administration and Planning - **$369,450.00**

Funding will be provided for personnel and related costs for the general oversight and administration of the CDBG program.

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

1. 22750 CAN Community Health - RU4M (Rental & Utilities 4 Manatee) - **$188,400.00**

The project will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, rental and utility deposits as needed to at-risk special low-income populations.

2. 22767 Manatee County Habitat for Humanity - Poling Gardens FY 2024 - **$217,000.00**

The project will subsidize a portion of the development costs for 16 affordable houses planned for the Poling Gardens community. Developer will be required to become a CHDO.

3. 22610 The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation - Rental Assistance - **$208,900.00**

The project will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, rental and utility deposits as needed to low- and moderate-income Manatee County residents.

4. Manatee County Community and Veterans Service - 23/24 HOME Administration and Planning - **$68,250.00**

Funding will be provided for personnel and related costs for the general oversight and administration of the HOME program.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

1. Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC) - 23/24 CoC ESG Programming Sub-Award - **$145,300.00**

Funding may provide homeless prevention, rapid-rehousing, shelter operations or homeless outreach to at-risk populations.

2. Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC) - 23/24 CoC ESG Administration Sub-Award - **$7,750.00**

Funding will be provided for personnel and related costs for the general oversight and administration of the ESG program.

3. Manatee County Community and Veterans Service - 23/24 ESG Administration and Planning - **$4,000.00**

Funding will be provided for personnel and related costs for the general oversight and administration of the ESG program.

Exhibit B

Copy of the Adopted Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing & Funding Availability
Manatee County 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan
County FY2023/24 Annual Action Plan &
Grant Application Workshop

Notice of Public Hearing

Manatee County will be conducting a public hearing to solicit comments on the development of the County's 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. County residents are encouraged to comment on the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan through attendance at the public hearing or else may provide written comment through a Community Survey available at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManateeConPlan.

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Grant Application Workshop for interested non-profit agencies serving Manatee County residents.

As a recipient of US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, Manatee County is required to develop a five-year plan of priority needs that are identified in the Consolidated Plan. Manatee County receives an average of $2.5 million annually from HUD to primarily serve low-to-moderate income individuals and families. Manatee County residents and, in particular, public housing residents, public and private agencies, businesses and other interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend so they may voice their concerns and express their opinions on the priority needs of the Community. The topics to be discussed include healthy neighborhoods, economic development, home ownership & affordable housing development, health and human services, strategies for the homeless, recreational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, planning and public management.

HUD funds will be used to support programs and projects identified in the County's Consolidated Plan as addressing a priority need of the community. These funds can be used to support both County and non-profit programs and projects that address community needs. As such, attendance at these meetings or consultation with the County is highly recommended.

Grant Application Workshop

Manatee County will also be soliciting CDBG and HOME grant applications from non-profit organizations to assist in addressing the housing and community development needs of the County's low- and moderate-income residents. A Grant Application Workshop will be held to give details and answer questions regarding the funding application. We are asking that all parties who wish to apply for funding attend the Application Workshop.

The application for funding will be available through the Community & Veterans Services Department website on March 1st, 2023. The County will be accepting applications from Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 31st, 2023.

The Public Hearing & Grant Workshop will be held on:

Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 from 10a.m. to 12p.m.
Palmetto Branch Library – Auditorium
923 6th St W, Palmetto, FL 34221

For further information, please contact Community Development Project Manager, Julia Vieira at the Community & Veterans Services Department at 941-748-4501 Ext.1266. Individuals requiring special accommodations for access to the hearings are requested to contact this Department at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Julia Vieira, Community Development Project Manager
Lee Washington, Director
Community & Veterans Services Department
Community Development Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, Florida 34205
Ph: 941-748-4501 ext. 1266

24-year-old whose 'life was soccer' dies when SUV crashes into his kitchen, coach says

BY MADELEINE LIST
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A 24-year-old soccer player was killed when an SUV crashed through his home while he was in the kitchen, according to his

He began playing on

Vasconcelos was mature

"He wanted to open doors, to grind, to hustle and a have a better life than he had in Brazil," he said.

But although Vasconcelos was passionate about the game, he wasn't always the most skilled player on Lakeland United, Salgado said. During his first season, he never played as a starter. But he worked hard, and when he came back this year, he started every game, according to Salgado.

His focus was always on

port his family.

Miami nightclu seeks to block LIV trademark

Field Level Media

A famed Florida nightclub is seeking to block the LIV Golf League from registering the name as a trademark, the Palm

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Manatee County
Draft 2023/28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan
2023/24 Annual Action Plan
Citizen Participation Plan
Notice of Plan Availability
Notice of Public Hearing
Summary of Plan
Statement of Proposed Budget and Use of Funds

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, Manatee County is required to prepare a plan that describes how the County will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to meet the needs of low-income and moderate-income persons in Manatee County.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers the period from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2028 and is a strategic plan that identifies priority needs of the Community and governs the use of federal housing and community development funds received through HUD.

The Action Plan is completed annually to describe the activities that will be undertaken to address the priority needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It also serves as an application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. This Action Plan describes the activities that will take place during the 2023/24 Program Year (October 1 – September 30).

HUD requires communities to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan, in accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, to encourage public input in the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, any substantial amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). Manatee County approved the current Citizen Participation Plan on May of 2020. HUD requires periodic reviews of Citizen Participation Plans, with updates required as needed. Proposed updates to the Citizen Participation Plan include details to allow the County to perform Amendments and Substantial Amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, as well as other minor updates on department responsibilities.

Notice of Plan Availability

Manatee County has prepared a draft 2023/28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2023/24 Action Plan and the 2023 update to the County's Citizen Participation Plan. The Plans will be made available to the public on June 26th, 2023. This notice is being published to make citizens aware that a formal 30 calendar day comment period will commence on June 26th, 2023, and will conclude on July 25th, 2023. During this period, copies of the Plans may be reviewed at the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor, Bradenton, the Manatee County website at www.mymanatee.org, and the following Manatee County Library locations:

- **Central Branch**
  1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W., Bradenton
- **South County Branch**
  6081 26th St. W., Bradenton
- **Palmetto Branch**
  923 6th St. W., Palmetto
- **Rocky Bluff Library**
  6750 U.S. Hwy. 301, Ellenton

Written comments on Manatee County's draft 2023/28 Consolidated Plan, 2023/24 Action Plan and the 2023 update to the County's Citizen Participation Plan will be accepted through July 25, 2023. Please address your comments to:

Julia Vieira, Community Development Project Manager
Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 500
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 748-4501, ext: 4266
julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing with the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners regarding the draft 2023/28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2023/24 Annual Action Plan, the 2023 update to the County's Citizen Participation Plan, Proposed Use of Funds, and Proposed Budget on:

July 25, 2023
9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as can be heard
Manatee County Administration Building – 1st Floor Chambers
1112 Manatee Avenue West • Bradenton, FL 34205

According to Florida Statutes Section 286.0105, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the above-referenced meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, it may be necessary to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Americans with Disabilities: The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions including one's access to and participation in public hearings. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for this meeting as provided for in the ADA, should contact Carmine DeMilio 941-792-8784 ext. 8203 or carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org; or FAX 745-3790.

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HOME Carry-Over Funding from Prior Years	$ 661,731.00
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Condado de Manatee
Borrador del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años 2023/28
Plan Anual de Acción 2023/24
Plan de Participación Ciudadana
Aviso de Disponibilidad del Plan
Aviso de Audiencia Pública
Resumen del Plan
Estado del Presupuesto Propuesto y Uso de los Fondos

Bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada y la Ley Nacional de Vivienda Asequible Cranston-González de 1990 de Manatee prepare un plan que describa cómo el Condado asignará fondos de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), Asociaci (HOME) y Subvención de Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG) para satisfacer las necesidades de las personas con ingresos bajos y moderados en el Condado

El plan consolidado de Cinco Años cubre el período comprendido entre el 1 de octubre del 2023 al 30 de septiembre de 2028 y es un plan est necesidades prioritarias de la Comunidad y rige el uso de los fondos federales de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario recibidos a través de HUD.

El Plan de Acción se completa anualmente para describir las actividades que se llevarán a cabo para atender las necesidades prioritarias identifica de Cinco Años. También sirve como una solicitud para los fondos CDBG, HOME y ESG. Este Plan de Acción describe las actividades que tendrá programa 2023/24 (1 de octubre – 30 de septiembre).

HUD requiere que las comunidades adopten un Plan de Participación Ciudadana, de acuerdo con 24 CFR Sección 91.105, para alentar la participación preparación del Plan Consolidado, los Planes de Acción Anuales, cualquier enmienda sustancial y el Informe de Desempeño Anual Consolidado (CAPER). El el actual Plan de Participación Ciudadana en mayo de 2020. HUD requiere revisiones periódicas de los Planes de Participación Ciudadana, con actualiza necesario. Las actualizaciones propuestas al Plan de Participación Ciudadana incluyen detalles para permitir que el Condado realice Enmiendas y Enm Consolidado, Planes de Acción Anuales, así como otras actualizaciones menores sobre las responsabilidades del departamento.

Aviso de Disponibilidad del Plan

El Condado de Manatee ha preparado un borrador del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años 2023/28, el Plan Anual de Acción 2023/24 y del Plan d actualizado. El Plan se pondrá a disposición del público el 26 de junio 2023. Este aviso se publica para informar a los ciudadanos que un per calendario para ofrecer comentarios, el cual comenzará el 26 de junio 2023 y concluirá el 25 de julio, 2023. Durante este período, se pueden re Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee (área de recepción del Departamento de Neighborhood Servic West, 5ª Piso, Bradenton, el sitio web del Condado de Manatee en www.mymanatee.org y las siguientes ubicaciones de la Biblioteca del Condado

- **Sucursal Central**
  1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W. Bradenton
- **Sucursal del Sur del Condado**
  6081 26th St. W. Bradenton
- **Sucursal Palmetto**
  923 6th St. W. Palmetto
- **Biblioteca Rocky Bluff**
  6750 U.S. Hwy. 301, Ellenton

Los comentarios escritos sobre el borrador del Plan Consolidado 2023/27, el Plan de Acción 2023/24 y del Plan de Participación Ciudadana actual Manatee se aceptarán hasta el 25 de julio, 2023. Por favor, dirija sus comentarios a:

Julia Vieira, Gerente de Proyectos de Desarrollo Comunitario
Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 74 8-4501, extensión 1266
julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Habrá una audiencia pública con la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Manatee con respecto al borrador del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años Anual 2023/24, el Plan de Participación Ciudadana actualizado, el Uso Propuesto de Fondos y el Presupuesto Propuesto el:

25 Julio de 2023
9:00 AM o tan pronto como se pueda escuchar
Edificio de Administración del Condado de Manatee – Chambers en el 1er Piso
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

De acuerdo con la Sección 286.0105 de los Estatutos de la Florida, una persona que decida apelar cualquier decisión tomada por la Junta de con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión o audiencia mencionada anteriormente, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos y, necesario asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, cuyo registro incluye el testimonio y las evidencias en las que se ba

Estadounidenses con discapacidades: La Junta de Comisionados del Condado no discrimina sobre la base del estado de discapacidad de ningún individuo. Est abarca todos los aspectos de las funciones de la Junta, incluido el acceso y la participación en audiencias públicas. Cualquier persona que requiera una ad reunión según lo dispuesto en la ADA, debe comunicarse con Carmine DeMilio 941-792-8784 ext. 8203 o carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org; o al FAX 941-745

Resumen del Plan de Acción

El Plan de Acción incluye una estimación de los recursos disponibles de fuentes privadas y públicas para atender las necesidades identificad prioridades y objetivos específicos que se abordarán en el programa de este año; un resumen de los programas o proyectos elegibles que el Condad para atender las necesidades; una descripción de las áreas geográficas del Condado en las que se dirigirá la asistencia; una descripción de los necesidades de las personas sin hogar, en riesgo y con necesidades especiales; los planes para reducir el número de familias con nivel de pobreza; el Condado supervisará sus proyectos de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario.

Estado del Proyecto de Presupuesto y Utilización de los Fondos Estimados

Fuentes de Financiación

Derecho a la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG)	$1,847,28
HOME Investment Partnership Program	$ 682,570
HOME Transferencia de Fondos de Años Anteriores	$ 661,731
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	$ 157,064

Uso de los Fondos

"Community Development Block Grant" Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario

1. 22664 AM y FM Enterprise, Inc. - Allean's Loving Care 23/24 - **$90,000.00**
El proyecto proporcionará atención domiciliaria y acompañamiento a adultos mayores con necesidades especiales.

2. 22637 Centerstone of Florida - Samoset Community Resource Center Fase 2 - **$250,000.00**
Los fondos se utilizarán para completar las renovaciones del Centro de Recursos Comunitarios (CRC) de Samoset que ofrecerán servicios comunitario sustancias y salud mental.

3. 22776 Gulfcoast Legal Services - 2023/24 Servicios Legales de Vivienda - **$70,000.00**
El proyecto proporcionará servicios legales a residentes de ingresos bajos y moderados para asuntos relacionados con la vivienda.

4. 22745 Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center - Mejora de la Seguridad Contra Incendios - **$35,000.00**
El proyecto permitirá la construcción e instalación de una nueva escalera de incendios en el Centro.

5. 22682 Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. - Comidas para Personas Mayores no Financiadas 2023-24 - **$50,000.00**
Se proporcionarán fondos para pagar las comidas de los ancianos.

6. 22793 Turning Points - Proyecto Sonrisa 2023-24 - **$87,000.00**
El proyecto proporcionará acceso a los residantes de bajos ingresos sin seguro a atención dental gratuita y prótesis orales.

7. Servicio Comunitario y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee - Programa de Asistencia para el Pago Inicial para la compra de una Vivienda 20
Se proporcionarán fondos para ayudar con una parte del pago inicial para primeros compradores de vivienda con ingresos calificados.

8. Servicio Comunitario y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee - Programa de Rehabilitación/Reemplazo para Propietarios de Viviendas 20
Se proporcionarán fondos para rehabilitar residencias ocupadas por propietarios calificados por ingresos.

9. Servicio Comunitario y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee - 23/24 Administración y Planificación de CDBG - **$369,458.00**
Se proporcionarán fondos para el personal y los costos relacionados para la supervisión general y la administración del programa CDBG.

"HOME Investment Partnership" Asociación de Inversión HOME

1. 22750 CAN Community Health - RU4M (Rental & Utilities 4 Manatee) - **$188,332.00**
El proyecto proporcionará asistencia de alquiler basada en inquilinos, depósitos de alquiler y servicios públicos según sea necesario a poblacione ingresos en riesgo.

2. 22767 Manatee County Habitat for Humanity - Poling Gardens Año fiscal 2024 - **$878,750.00**
El proyecto subsidiará una parte de los costos de desarrollo de 16 casas asequibles planificadas para la comunidad de Poling Gardens.

3. 22610 The Salvation Army, Una Corporación de Georgia - Asistencia de alquiler - **$298,900.00**
El proyecto proporcionará asistencia de alquiler basada en inquilinos, alquiler y depósitos de servicios públicos según sea necesario para los resi moderados del Condado de Manatee.

4. Servicio Comunitario y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee - 23/24 HOME Administración y Planificación - **$68,257.00**
Se proporcionarán fondos para el personal y los costos relacionados para la supervisión general y la administración del programa HOME.

"Emergency Solutions Grant" Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia

1. Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC) - 23/24 CoC ESG Programming Sub-Award - **$145,300.00**
Los fondos pudieran proporcionar prevención de personas sin hogar, realojamiento rápido, operaciones de refugio o extensión para personas sin hoga

2. Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC) - 23/24 CoC ESG Administration Sub-Award - **$7,750.00**
Se proporcionarán fondos para el personal y los costos relacionados para la supervisión y administración general del programa ESG.

3. Servicio Comunitario y para Veteranos del Condado de Manatee -23/24 ESG Administration and Planning - **$4,000.00**
Se proporcionarán fondos para el personal y los costos relacionados para la supervisión general y la administración del programa ESG.

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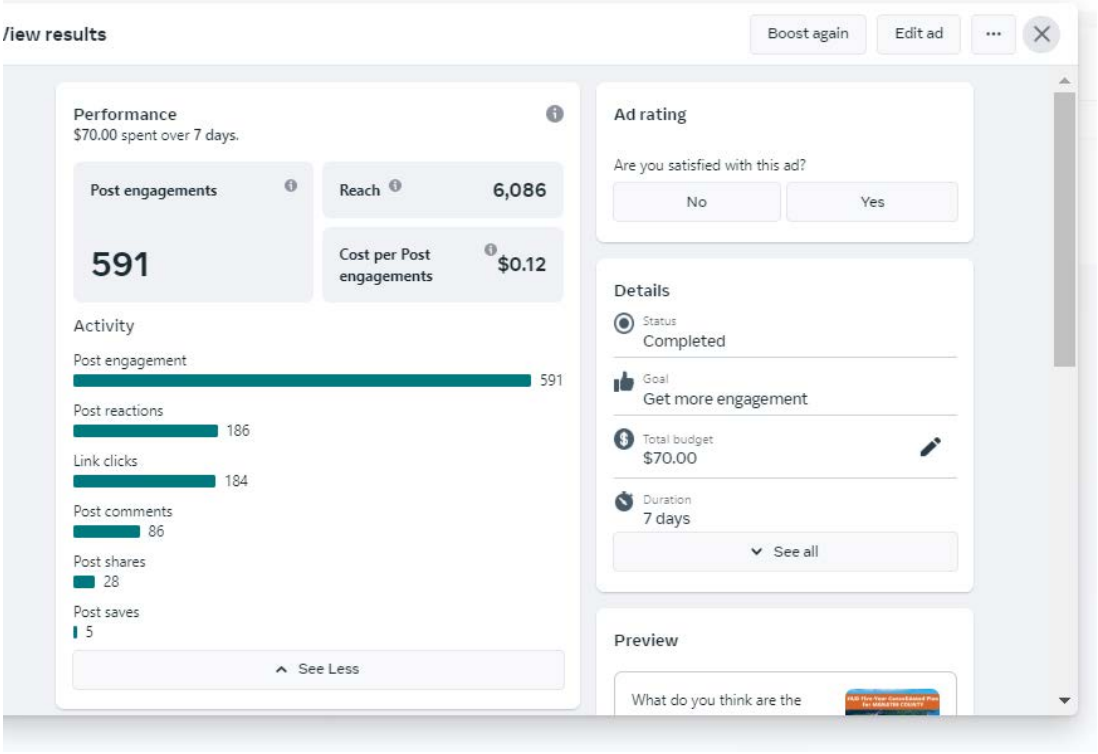
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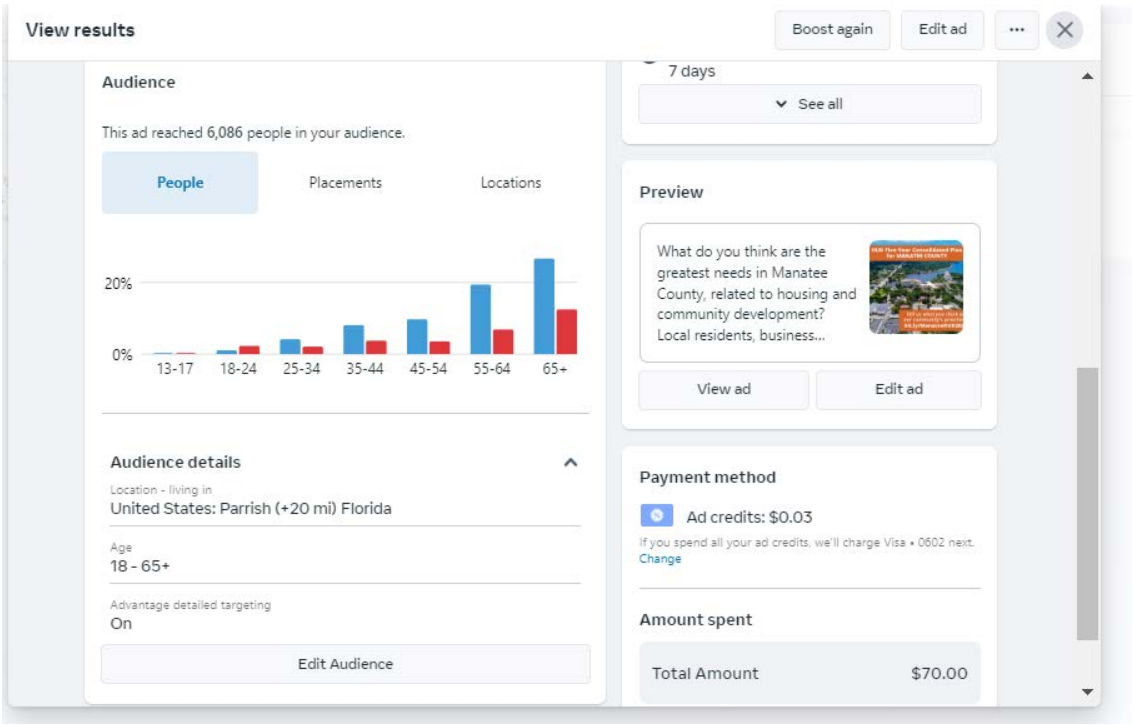
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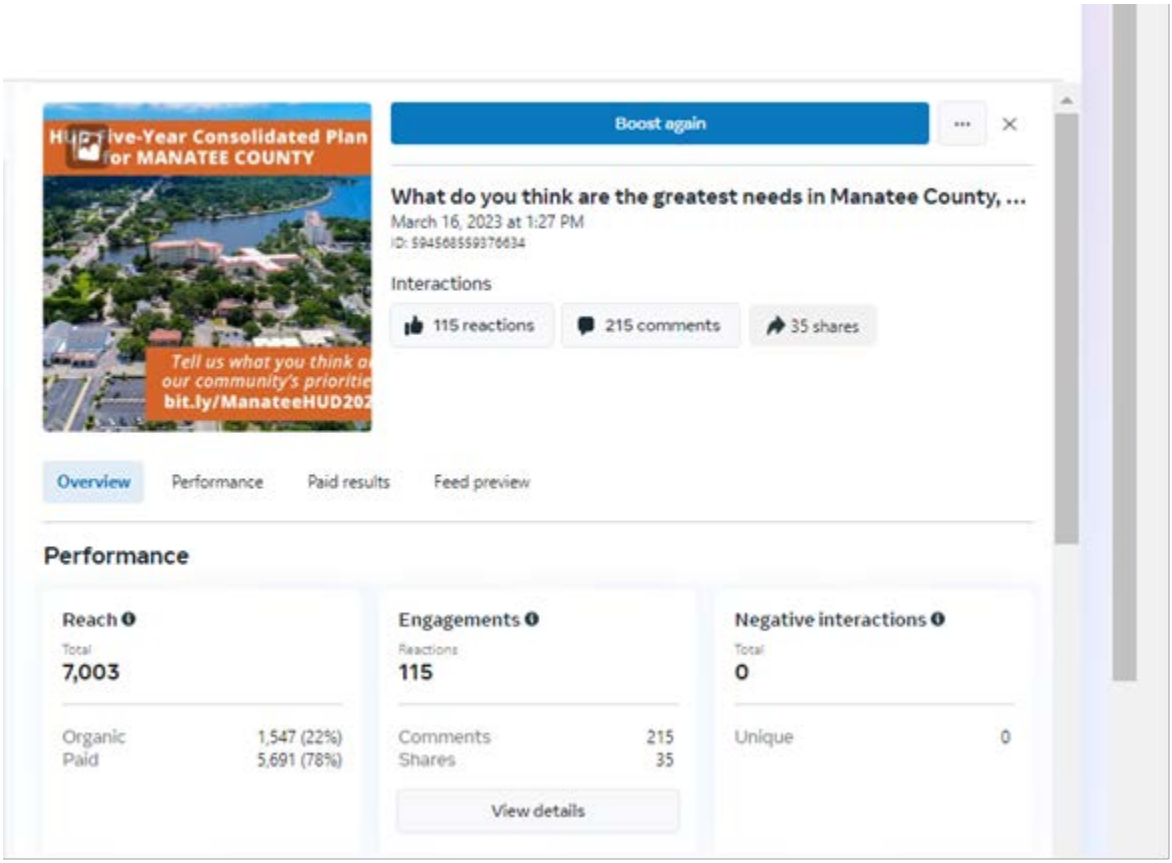
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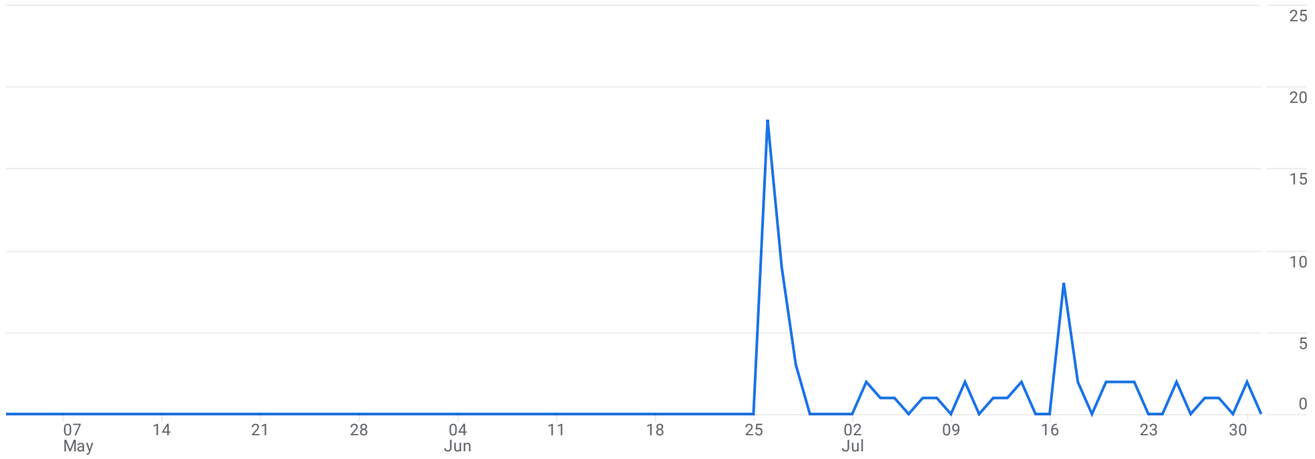
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Family Oriented Community United Strong, Inc. (FOCUS)
P.O. Box 28
Tallevast, FL 34270

July 25, 2023

Ms. Julia Vieira
Community Development Project Manager
Community & Veteran Services Department
Re: Public Comment on Manatee County's **2023-2028 Consolidated Plan, 2023/24 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan**

via email to Julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

On behalf of Family Oriented Community United Strong, Inc. (FOCUS) a state and federal nonprofit Protecting the Tallevast Community and its Legacy, we would like to make a statement on the record regarding the County's proposed 5-year Consolidated Plan, its Annual Action Plan for FY 2023-34, and its Citizen Participation Plan for this process. FOCUS does not specifically object to any part of these documents and believes that they do identify priority housing, community revitalization, and community development needs. However, FOCUS feels it must again acknowledge on the record that this process perpetuates harm to small unincorporated communities, such as Tallevast, because it fails to account for priority attention to these communities which if accurately measured would qualify as R/ECAP target areas. Without this designation, many of the benefits of County programs contained in these documents either do not apply to our community or are unfairly prejudiced by the preferential scoring attached to areas which do have such designation.

Tallevast is a small unincorporated part of Manatee County that was founded in the late 1800s predominantly by five African American families who were former freed slaves and/or migrant workers. For more than a century the community thrived with a greater quality of life than other similarly situated communities. This success, however, was due to the communities' own self-sufficiency. Even in early years, Tallevast worked cohesively to receive municipal services from Sarasota when Manatee County was unwilling to provide things such as utilities. While ultimately, Manatee County took clear ownership of Tallevast and began providing some municipal services, Tallevast has suffered from significant procedural, social, and environmental injustice at the hands of all levels of government. This is evident by the lack of community infrastructure in Tallevast that still exists today despite other unincorporated communities receiving special attention to address such issues through programs like R/ECAP, various development actions that create special districts, and more. There are many ways to rectify the lack of care that has plagued this community, and these plans cover many of those, yet the County still has not taken steps to bring Tallevast up to the standards of all other areas of the County with respect to social services and infrastructure issues supported through these plans.

Tallevast is a small community of approximately 120 parcels and about 80 residences. It is almost entirely zoned residential and that has been its primary use since the late 1800s. As a community that is almost 90% African American and whose average income places it in the low-income category, and whose services and infrastructure are more lacking than any other part of Manatee County it should be the focus of many projects available under these plans. However, history has not proven this to be true. There appear to be a multitude of reasons for this, but at this time, we would like to focus on the failure

for the community to be adequately represented in these programs due to its small size and its census categorization which fails to adequately represent the community. Tallevast is prejudiced in the census process under which so many vital programs rely upon in two ways: 1) Tallevast's census tract pulls the community into a census tract with a larger residential population that sits on the water to its southwest. Inclusion in this census tract dilutes any demographic data on socioeconomics, race, and more, so that these characteristics by census tract do not accurately reflect Tallevast. 2) The smaller census-block approach has been utilized to help address issues of such diluted data and has benefited many communities, but not Tallevast, because despite its small size, Tallevast has been divided into two census blocks and then again mixed in, albeit with a smaller nearby residential population, still nearby residential areas which do not reflect Tallevast's demographics. Further, one of the R/ECAP areas is in fact adjacent to Tallevast, further bringing into question its exclusion. For these reasons, most demographic data in these government reports does not reflect the whole Tallevast community in any one demographic point thereby assuring it is not accurately characterized by its true demographics, which if accurately reflected would assure greater prioritization for programs covered by these plans.

While Manatee County does not create the census tracts or blocks, it does have numerous resources and programs available to it that should assure that communities like Tallevast are accurately characterized and therefore, adequately prioritized for the services, infrastructure, and revitalization opportunities provided by these plans and underlying programs. FOCUS therefore calls upon the County again to recognize how far behind these services and activities are in Tallevast and to take the steps necessary to address these inequities.

Sincerely,

Laura Ward
Co-Executive Director

Wanda Washington
Co-Executive Director



We Want
YOUR OPINION

Manatee County is drafting a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Years 2023-2027 to create a unified vision for HUD funding. In order to develop this vision, Manatee is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey to collect input from local residents, business owners, and community service providers and comments related to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The survey seeks to collect information regarding housing and community development needs for both now and in the future, and to gauge familiarity with the HUD-funded programs administered by Manatee County. This survey includes 11 questions in ranking, multiple-choice, and open-ended question formats.

Scan To Take the Survey

Link To Take the Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManateeConPlan

Paper copies of the survey are available at the **County Administration Building** in the **Community and Veterans Services Department** at 112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205.

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April is Fair Housing Month!

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WHO IS PROTECTED?

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Religion
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Familial Status
Disability

Share your experiences with Fair Housing by taking the survey at the link below or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions about Fair Housing in Manatee County, please contact Julia Vieira at julia.vieira@mymanatee.org.

Manatee County is preparing the 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for addressing housing and community development needs. Your input is valuable! Fill out the survey:
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Manatee County Five-Year Consolidated Plan Survey

Manatee County is in the process of drafting a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Years 2023-2027 to create a strategic and unified vision for HUD funding. In order to develop this vision, Manatee County is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey to collect input from local residents, business owners, and community service providers and comments related to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The survey seeks to collect information regarding housing and community development needs and priorities both now and in the future, and to gauge familiarity with the HUD-funded programs administered by the county. This survey includes 12 questions in ranking, multiple-choice, and open-ended question formats. This survey is available in English and Spanish. You can change the language in the upper right corner of this survey.

Paper copies of the survey are available at the County Administration Building in the Community and Veterans Services Department at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Access the survey online here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManateeConPlan or at the QR Code below:

1. How familiar are you with Manatee County housing programs and community development services?

- ◯ Very familiar
- ◯ Somewhat familiar
- ◯ Not at all familiar

2. What do you think are the county's major housing or community development concerns over the past 5 years?

Answer 1

Answer 2

Answer 3

3. Please rate the need for the following housing activities from low to high priority:

	Low	Medium	High
Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	◯	◯	◯
Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	◯	◯	◯
Assistance with Purchasing a Home	◯	◯	◯
New Construction - Single-Family Units	◯	◯	◯
New Construction - Multi-Family Units (Rental)	◯	◯	◯
New Construction - Senior Housing (Rental)	◯	◯	◯

Other (please specify)

4. Please rate the need for the following homeless services activities from low to high priority:

	Low	Medium	High
Homeless Facilities and Shelters	◯	◯	◯
Mental Health Services	◯	◯	◯
Substance Abuse Services	◯	◯	◯
Employment Training	◯	◯	◯
Homeless Services for Youth	◯	◯	◯
Assistance Finding Homeless Services/Case Management	◯	◯	◯

Other (please specify)

5. Please rate the need for the following public/social services activities from low to high priority:

	Low	Medium	High
Senior/Elderly Services	◯	◯	◯
Youth Services (i.e., child care, tutoring, after school care, etc.)	◯	◯	◯
Health Services	◯	◯	◯
Services for Persons with Disabilities	◯	◯	◯
Legal Services	◯	◯	◯
Transportation Services	◯	◯	◯
Employment Assistance/Job Training	◯	◯	◯
Housing	◯	◯	◯
Fair Housing	◯	◯	◯

Other (please specify)

6. Please rate the need for the following community and economic development activities from low to high priority:

	Low	Medium	High
Sidewalk Improvements	◯	◯	◯
Road Repair/Construction	◯	◯	◯
Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater)	◯	◯	◯
Community/Recreation Centers	◯	◯	◯
Senior Centers	◯	◯	◯
Youth Centers	◯	◯	◯
Demolition of Blighted Structures	◯	◯	◯
Public Park Improvements	◯	◯	◯
Street Lighting	◯	◯	◯
Historic Preservation	◯	◯	◯

If there are other community and economic development activities, please specify. For any activities that are "High" priority, please indicate their location below.

7. From the activities listed in questions 3 through 6, what do you think are the 3 highest priorities for housing and community development activities in Manatee County over the next 5 years?

Answer 1

Answer 2

Answer 3

8. Do you feel information pertaining to housing programs and community development services is readily available to you?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not sure

9. What suggestions, if any, do you have for the county to better communicate and work with housing providers or community development initiatives?

10. If you have experiences or witnessed housing discrimination in Manatee County, on what grounds do you believe you experienced/witnessed this discrimination? (check all that apply).

- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Race or Color
- ☐ Marital Status
- ☐ National Origin
- ☐ Disability
- ☐ Sex/Gender
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Sexual Orientation
- ☐ Familial Status (including being pregnant or having children)
- ☐ Ancestry
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. Do you believe that these issues are happening in your community? If so, how much are the issues impacting your community?

	Low	Medium	High
Segregation	◯	◯	◯
Concentration of Racial and Ethnic Minorities	◯	◯	◯
Concentration of Poverty	◯	◯	◯
Differences in access to housing opportunities for people of various incomes, races, ethnicity, gender, or familial status	◯	◯	◯
Housing Problems for Low-Income Populations	◯	◯	◯
Challenges for Persons with Disabilities	◯	◯	◯
Lack of Housing Discrimination Enforcement	◯	◯	◯
Lack of Affordable Single-Family Housing	◯	◯	◯
Displacement	◯	◯	◯
No or N/A	◯	◯	◯

Other (please specify)

12. What is your relationship to Manatee County? (choose all that apply).

- [ ] Full-time Resident (North of River & West of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Full-time Resident (North of River & East of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Full-time Resident (South of River & West of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Full-time Resident (South of River & East of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Part-time Resident/Seasonal (North of River & West of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Part-time Resident/Seasonal (North of River & East of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Part-time Resident/Seasonal (South of River & West of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Part-time Resident/Seasonal (South of River & East of I-75 Resident)
- [ ] Work in Manatee County
- [ ] Visit/Play in Manatee County
- [ ] Community Service Provider
- [ ] Community Leader/Organizer
- [ ] If applicable, please share with us your area/neighborhood in Manatee County

ESPAÑOL

Encuesta del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años del Condado de Manatee

El Condado de Manatee está en proceso de redactar un Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años para los años 2023-2027 del programa del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de EE. UU. para crear una visión estratégica y unificada para la financiación de HUD. Para desarrollar esta visión, Manatee está realizando una Encuesta de Evaluación de Necesidades para recopilar información de los residentes locales, dueños de negocios y proveedores de servicios comunitarios y comentarios relacionados con el Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años. La encuesta busca recopilar información sobre las necesidades y prioridades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario tanto ahora como en el futuro, y medir la familiaridad con los programas financiados por HUD administrados por el Condado de Manatee. Esta encuesta incluye 12 preguntas en formato de clasificación, opción múltiple y preguntas abiertas. Las copias impresas de la encuesta están disponibles en el Edificio de Administración del Condado en el Departamento de Servicios para la Comunidad y los Veteranos en 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205.

SI LO PREFIERE, PUEDE ENVIAR UNA ENCUESTA EN LÍNEA A https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManateeConPlan

1. ¿Qué tan familiarizado está con los programas de vivienda y los servicios de desarrollo comunitario del Condado de Manatee?

- ◯ Muy familiarizado
- ◯ Un poco familiarizado
- ◯ No estoy familiarizado

2. ¿Cuáles ha percibido como las principales preocupaciones de vivienda o desarrollo comunitario del Condado en los últimos 5 años?

Contesta 1

Contesta 2

Contesta 3

3. Califique la necesidad de las siguientes actividades de vivienda de baja a alta prioridad:

	Nueva construcción de unidades unifamiliares	Nueva construcción de unidades multifamiliares (Alquiler)	Nueva construcción de unidades para personas mayores (Alquiler)
Baja	◯	◯	◯
Medio	◯	◯	◯
Alta	◯	◯	◯
Reparaciones de viviendas habitadas por propietarios	◯	◯	◯
Reparaciones de viviendas habitadas por inquilinos	◯	◯	◯
Asistencia con la compra de una casa	◯	◯	◯

Otro (especifique)

4. Califique la necesidad de las siguientes actividades de servicios para personas sin hogar de baja a alta prioridad:

	Baja	Medio	Alta
Instalaciones y refugios para personas sin hogar	◯	◯	◯
Servicios de salud mental	◯	◯	◯
Servicios de abuso de sustancias	◯	◯	◯
Capacitación laboral	◯	◯	◯
Servicios para jóvenes sin hogar	◯	◯	◯
Asistencia para encontrar servicios para personas sin hogar/Administración de casos	◯	◯	◯

Otro (especifique)

5. Califique la necesidad de las siguientes actividades de servicios públicos/sociales de baja a alta prioridad:

	Baja	Medio	Alta
Servicios para Personas Mayores/Ancianos	◯	◯	◯
Servicios para jóvenes (tutoría, cuidado de niños, cuidado después de la escuela, etc.)	◯	◯	◯
Servicios de salud	◯	◯	◯
Servicio para personas con	◯	◯	◯

	Baja	Medio	Alta
discapacidad			
Servicios legales	◯	◯	◯
Servicios de transportación	◯	◯	◯
Asistencia de empleo/Capacitación laboral	◯	◯	◯
Vivienda	◯	◯	◯
Equidad en la Vivienda	◯	◯	◯

Otro (especifique)

6. Califique la necesidad de las siguientes actividades de desarrollo econmico y comunitario de baja a alta prioridad:

	Baja	Medio	Alta
Mejoras en las aceras	◯	◯	◯
Reparación/Construcción de carreteras	◯	◯	◯
Mejoras de servicios públicos (agua, alcantarillado, aguas pluviales)	◯	◯	◯
Centros Comunitarios/Recreativos	◯	◯	◯
Centros para personas mayores	◯	◯	◯
Centros juveniles	◯	◯	◯
Fachada de edificio comercial	◯	◯	◯
Mejoras en parques públicos	◯	◯	◯
Alumbrado público	◯	◯	◯
Preservación histórica	◯	◯	◯

Si hay otras actividades comunitarias y de desarrollo económico, por favor especifique. Para cualquier actividad que seleccionó de "Alta" prioridad, indique la ubicación a continuación:

7. De las actividades enumeradas en las preguntas 3 al 6, ¿cuáles cree que son las 3 prioridades principales para las actividades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario en el condado de Manatee durante los próximos 5 años?

Contesta 1

Contesta 2

Contesta 3

8. ¿Cree que la información relacionada con los programas de vivienda y los servicios de desarrollo comunitario está fácilmente disponible para usted?

- ◯ Si
- ◯ No
- ◯ No estoy seguro

9. ¿Qué sugerencias, si alguna, tiene para que el Condado se comunique y trabaje mejor con los proveedores de vivienda o las iniciativas de desarrollo comunitario?

10. Si ha experimentado o presenciado discriminación en la vivienda en el condado de Manatee, ¿por qué motivos cree que experimentó/presencio esta discriminación? (marque todo lo que corresponda).

- ☐ No me aplica
- ☐ Raza o color

- [ ] Estado civil
- [ ] Origen nacional
- [ ] Discapacidad
- [ ] Sexo/Género
- [ ] Religión
- [ ] Orientación sexual
- [ ] Estado familiar (incluyendo estar embarazada o tener hijos)
- [ ] Ascendencia
- [ ] Otro (especifique)

11. ¿Cree que estos problemas están sucediendo en su comunidad? Si es así, ¿cuánto afectan los problemas a su comunidad?

	Baja	Medio	Alta
Segregación	◯	◯	◯
Concentración de minorías raciales y étnicas	◯	◯	◯
Concentración de pobreza	◯	◯	◯
Diferencias en el acceso a oportunidades de vivienda para personas de diversos ingresos, razas, etnia, género o estado familiar	◯	◯	◯
Problemas de vivienda para poblaciones de bajos ingresos	◯	◯	◯

	Baja	Medio	Alta
Desafíos para las personas con discapacidad	◯	◯	◯
Falta de cumplimiento con respecto a la discriminación en la vivienda	◯	◯	◯
Falta de viviendas unifamiliares asequibles	◯	◯	◯
Desplazamiento	◯	◯	◯
No o N/A	◯	◯	◯

Otro (especifique)

12. ¿Cuál es su relación con el condado de Manatee? (Elija todas las que correspondan)

- ☐ Residente de tiempo completo (Norte del Rio y al Oeste de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente de tiempo completo (Norte del Rio y Este de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente de tiempo completo (Sur del Rio y al Oeste de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente de tiempo completo (Sur del Rio y al Este de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente a tiempo parcial/Temporal (Norte del Rio y Oeste de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente a tiempo parcial/Temporal (Norte del Rio y Este de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente a tiempo parcial/Temporal (Sur del Rio y Oeste de la I-75)
- ☐ Residente a tiempo parcial/Temporal (Sur del Rio y Este de la I-75)
- ☐ Trabajo en el condado de Mantee
- ☐ Visite/Juego en el condado de Manatee
- ☐ Proveedor de servicios comunitarios

- [ ] Líder/Organizador de la comunidad
- [ ] Si corresponde, comparta con nosotros su área/vecindario en el condado de Manatee

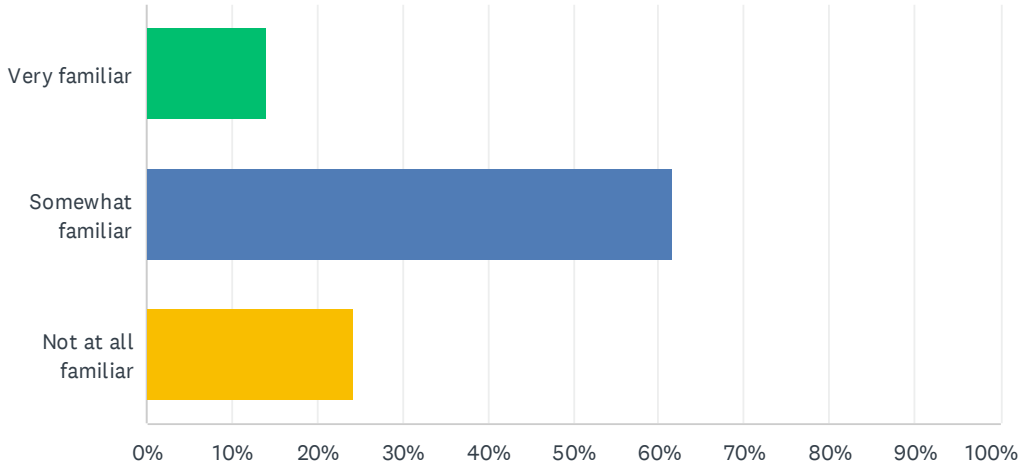
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Q1 How familiar are you with Manatee County housing programs and community development services?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very familiar	14.10%	32
Somewhat familiar	61.67%	140
Not at all familiar	24.23%	55
TOTAL		227

Q2 What do you think were the county's major housing or community development concerns over the past 5 years?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 21

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	99.51%	205
Answer 2	92.23%	190
Answer 3	83.50%	172

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Price	3/30/2023 10:02 PM
2	Affordable housing	3/29/2023 8:30 AM
3	Density doesn't equal affordability.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
4	Lack of affordable and decent housing.	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
5	Over building	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
6	Development of farms for $300k+ housing	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
7	Affordable housing	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
8	Price	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
9	Lack of Affordable Housing	3/27/2023 4:42 PM
10	Build	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
11	Lack of affordable housing	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
12	more development	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
13	not enough affordable housing	3/27/2023 11:40 AM
14	too much building	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
15	More affordable year round housing	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
16	Housing cost	3/27/2023 8:23 AM
17	Living wage	3/26/2023 11:26 PM
18	No affordable houses being built.	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
19	Obviously not preserving the land!	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
20	Absolute lack of affordable housing	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
21	Apartments and condos made of wood	3/26/2023 11:28 AM
22	Affordable housing	3/26/2023 11:22 AM
23	affordable housing	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
24	Excessively gridlocked roads	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
25	Affordable rentals	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
26	Not enough for the people who are just above the cut for low income housing	3/25/2023 10:56 PM
27	Homelessness	3/25/2023 7:24 PM

28	affordable housing, particularly for our workforce.	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
29	Rising Rental Costs	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
30	Over development	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
31	Location	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
32	No affordable housing for young average income people	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
33	Low income options (senior and family)	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
34	encouraging development	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
35	Too many over 55 communities.	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
36	Lack of roads	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
37	Elderly medical and housing services	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
38	Over development	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
39	Roads and bridges	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
40	Affiedability	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
41	Affordable Housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
42	Low income family households	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
43	Lack of affordable housing	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
44	Keeping taxes down	3/24/2023 5:15 PM
45	Satisfying the developers of high end subdivisions	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
46	Not enough affordable housing	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
47	Developers buying the BOCC	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
48	Lack of low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
49	Not conserving the land enough. Overbuilding on our current infrastructure	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
50	Schools	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
51	Roads, not. Expanded fast enough for the traffic, eroding current infrastructure	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
52	Rent and housing prices went up ridiculously.	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
53	Lakewood Ranch	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
54	ELIMINATE GROWTH EAST OF BOURNSIDE DR UNTIL 2040	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
55	Lack of affordable housing	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
56	Roads	3/23/2023 10:36 PM
57	Not enough affordable housing	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
58	Price increases	3/23/2023 8:21 PM
59	Cost	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
60	Too many non affordable houses being built	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
61	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
62	limiting urban sprawl	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
63	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
64	not enough low income housing	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
65	Infrastructure	3/23/2023 5:12 PM

66	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
67	Infrastructure (esp. update electrical grid)	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
68	Low cost housing	3/23/2023 2:50 PM
69	affordable housing	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
70	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
71	Updating roads	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
72	Unsure	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
73	No infrastructure to support development	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
74	Affordable workforce housing	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
75	Affordable housing for 55+	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
76	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
77	Too many new developments	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
78	High end housing	3/22/2023 8:59 PM
79	Build more housing, collect more tax dollars	3/22/2023 7:15 PM
80	traffic	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
81	Building residential/ commercial before the infrastructure to support it.	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
82	Schools	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
83	affordable housing for singles and families	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
84	Lack of affordable housing	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
85	Infrastructure	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
86	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
87	Building more roads	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
88	Growth is way ahead of infrastructure.	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
89	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
90	Homelessness	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
91	Cater to affluent	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
92	Apartments near SR 64 and Manatee Hospital	3/22/2023 8:44 AM
93	Low income housing	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
94	Rent prices increased	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
95	Affordable housing!	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
96	Build more houses	3/22/2023 2:49 AM
97	Lack of affordable housing	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
98	Destroying central library for 20 story luxury highrise on the river	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
99	Traffic	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
100	over crowding	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
101	Greedy landlords	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
102	No rent control	3/21/2023 9:51 AM
103	affordable rent	3/20/2023 8:34 PM

104	Traffic	3/19/2023 3:16 PM
105	Over development	3/18/2023 9:20 PM
106	N/A	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
107	Lack of affordable housing	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
108	Kowtowing to developers	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
109	Affordable housing	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
110	Cheaply mass built homes	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
111	were to put the poor	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
112	Not enough low income housing	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
113	Affordable housing	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
114	Rent going sky high NOT AFFORDABLE	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
115	affordable housing	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
116	Infrastructure	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
117	Easing traffic	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
118	Too much development	3/17/2023 7:14 AM
119	rental properties are not protected by homestead exemption, as home values go up, so does the property tax which is passed along to the renters.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
120	Affordable single family housing	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
121	Infrastructure	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
122	Overcrowding caused by new developments	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
123	affordable housing	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
124	Us working, it takes two adults to barely make rent	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
125	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 7:18 PM
126	Massive population increase	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
127	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
128	Excessive building	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
129	cost	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
130	I’m sure you don’t know	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
131	Infrastructure - Roads	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
132	Youth activities	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
133	High cost of housing	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
134	why ? doesn't matter wasn't a good plan since results caused the mess we are in now	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
135	Too many people in this town stop building and fix the roads	3/16/2023 1:22 PM
136	Insufficient housing	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
137	rent prices	3/16/2023 10:02 AM
138	Cost of living	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
139	No idea	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
140	Build More Homes	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
141	Affordable housing	3/9/2023 7:22 AM

142	no permanent support of housing	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
143	Over building	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
144	Lack of affordable housing	3/6/2023 7:42 PM
145	Overdevelopment	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
146	Pop up neighborhoods over populating one place in a small amount of time	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
147	Affordable Housing	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
148	Widening roads	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
149	Price	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
150	No affordable housing	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
151	Affordable Housing	3/6/2023 8:42 AM
152	affordable housing	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
153	Lack of affordable housing	3/6/2023 7:33 AM
154	Over priced	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
155	Not enough affordable housing	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
156	Roads	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
157	Extension eastward	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
158	Selling out to construction companies	3/5/2023 8:36 PM
159	Lack of affordable rentals	3/5/2023 7:34 PM
160	Fair & Honest Workers (Repair/Construction)	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
161	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
162	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
163	Affordability	3/5/2023 6:20 PM
164	Building new apartments	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
165	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
166	Housing for middle income families	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
167	Roads too busy in many places	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
168	Workforce housing	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
169	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
170	Not enough real, safe, affordable housing	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
171	We are growing too quickly	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
172	No low income based programs	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
173	available stock of housing	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
174	Affordability	2/28/2023 1:37 PM
175	Lack of affordable housing units for seniors/families	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
176	Cost of rent increases	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
177	lack of sufficient low income housing	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
178	paying too much for rent/mortgage	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
179	Rent too high	2/27/2023 1:48 PM

180	Affordable Housing	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
181	High cost of living	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
182	Rent prices above fair market rent	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
183	highways/infastructure	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
184	Not enough housing availability	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
185	AFFORDABLE HOUSING that is truly AFFORDABLE	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
186	lack of housing	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
187	funding	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
188	Fundings	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
189	Roads	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
190	Availability	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
191	Shortage of Section 8 vouchers and housing	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
192	increased rent leading to a lack of affordable housing	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
193	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
194	Affordable Housing	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
195	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
196	Lack of truly Affordable housing	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
197	Lack of affordable housing	2/23/2023 11:04 AM
198	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
199	Increase in rent.	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
200	Cost of housing	2/22/2023 5:11 PM
201	Not enough actually affordable housinging	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
202	Affordable, attainable housing for everyone	2/16/2023 9:15 AM
203	Lack of Affordable Housing	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
204	Affordable housing	2/15/2023 9:42 AM
205	The waiting list is very long	2/6/2023 4:33 PM

#	ANSWER 2	DATE
1	Price	3/30/2023 10:02 PM
2	Piecemeal development north of the river.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
3	Competent and pleasant employees.	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
4	Commercial properties	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
5	Eligibility	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
6	Lack of Infrastructure	3/27/2023 4:42 PM
7	Build	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
8	Too much traffic for current infrastructure	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
9	more taxes	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
10	uncontrolled development	3/27/2023 11:40 AM
11	too many new subdivisions	3/27/2023 11:10 AM

12	More parks and green spaces	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
13	Infrastructure	3/27/2023 8:23 AM
14	Affordable housing	3/26/2023 11:26 PM
15	Over building	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
16	Commissioners focus on keeping developers happy	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
17	Poor parking plans	3/26/2023 11:28 AM
18	High paying jobs	3/26/2023 11:22 AM
19	controlled expansion / developement	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
20	Pollution due to overburdened infrastructure	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
21	Over development	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
22	Most people in the area struggle and not enough info or help to the people who would not abuse it	3/25/2023 10:56 PM
23	Sr housing	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
24	overdevelopment.	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
25	Rising Home Ownership Costs	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
26	Too much traffic(see above)	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
27	Costs	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
28	Too many subdivisions	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
29	Sufficient infrastructure to support (roads and water especially)	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
30	highway maintenance and expansion	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
31	Not enough affordable homes	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
32	Lack of schools	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
33	Homelessness all ages	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
34	Traffic congestion	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
35	Homeless shelters that are safe	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
36	Housing for muddle & low income single (non senior) adults.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
37	Transitional Housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
38	Keeping infrastructure up with building of new homes	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
39	Road improvements, traffic is horrible	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
40	not over building	3/24/2023 5:15 PM
41	Destroying natural habitats along coastlands/wetlands	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
42	Allowing too many overpriced developments	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
43	Affordable housing all converted to vacation rentals	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
44	Lack of low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
45	Not enough (serious) attention to our affordable housing	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
46	Water	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
47	Overdeveloping , no room for wildlife	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
48	Not enough affordable/ low-income housing.	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
49	Lakewood Ranch	3/24/2023 8:15 AM

50	Build out to 90% capacity west of I-75	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
51	Lack of infrastructure	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
52	Workforce housing	3/23/2023 10:36 PM
53	Not enough infrastructure to support growth	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
54	Development moving into agricultural areas	3/23/2023 8:21 PM
55	Zoning	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
56	Not enough infrastructure to support what is already here.	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
57	Urban sprawl	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
58	workforce housing	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
59	Job training	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
60	Roads are not sufficient for extra traffic	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
61	Road structure	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
62	Inundation of out of area individuals, corporations, and foreign business purchasing homes in residential communities for purposes of vacation rentals (daily, weekly)	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
63	Traffic patterns	3/23/2023 2:50 PM
64	displacing nature/water/flooding when developing	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
65	Roads to accept increased traffic	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
66	Tree triming	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
67	Unsure	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
68	Affordable housing for support workers and homeless	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
69	Homelessness	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
70	Developing Lakewood Ranch	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
71	allowing too much development	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
72	No infrastructure	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
73	traffic	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
74	Low income housing to support the large service industry	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
75	Roads	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
76	help for repairs for home owners on fixed budget	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
77	Unrestrained growth	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
78	Infrastructure	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
79	Affordable apartments	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
80	Building more units	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
81	County commissioners are owned by developers	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
82	Infrastructure	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
83	High rental rates	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
84	High end construction	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
85	Senior housing	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
86	New unaffordable home construction everywhere	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
87	No more waterfront building!	3/22/2023 6:57 AM

88	Make money	3/22/2023 2:49 AM
89	Short term rentals	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
90	Build housing closer to where folks work, run errands, etc., so they can walk more and drive less.	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
91	poor management	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
92	Out of control rent prices	3/21/2023 9:51 AM
93	emergency housing	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
94	Not enough housing	3/19/2023 3:16 PM
95	Affordable housing	3/18/2023 9:20 PM
96	N/A	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
97	Lack of affordable rental housing	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
98	Blank check to developers	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
99	Infrastructure	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
100	"rezoning"	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
101	anyware out of sight	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
102	Where do you place housing	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
103	keeping wetlands protected	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
104	STOP BUILDING CARWASHES AND STORAGE AND build affordable housing	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
105	housing the homeless	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
106	Public transportation	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
107	Places to park	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
108	Increase rent hikes	3/17/2023 7:14 AM
109	Notice how during spring break March 13 -17 rush hr traffic was much lighter, almost none existent. Learn from that.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
110	Advance the planning for Traffic/road affect from new housing	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
111	Low income housing	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
112	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
113	affordable housing	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
114	Affordable housing w security	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
115	Homelessness	3/16/2023 7:18 PM
116	Roads unable to handle heavy increase in traffic	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
117	Traffic and growth planning	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
118	Failure to adhere to master plans	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
119	availability	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
120	You certainly don’t know	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
121	Infrastructure - Schools	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
122	Over building	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
123	Not enough low income housing for homeless	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
124	Fix the roads and stop building too many people in this town	3/16/2023 1:22 PM

125	Unaffordable housing	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
126	Availability in general	3/16/2023 10:02 AM
127	Affordable housing	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
128	Commercial Development	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
129	Working with developers for housing expansion	3/9/2023 7:22 AM
130	no affordable housing	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
131	Lack of infrastructure	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
132	Lack of infrastructure for current housing	3/6/2023 7:42 PM
133	Overdevelopment	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
134	Not enough quality schools in the right places because of pop up neighborhoods	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
135	Planned strategic development	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
136	Low income housing	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
137	Roads	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
138	Housing with no infrastructure	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
139	Sufficient Roads	3/6/2023 8:42 AM
140	infrastructure - update bridges	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
141	Lack of affordable apartments	3/6/2023 7:33 AM
142	Over developed	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
143	Cost of living skyrocketing	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
144	Roads	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
145	Catering towards developers and retirees	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
146	Lack of affordable homes for sale	3/5/2023 7:34 PM
147	Infrastructure for utilities	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
148	Affordable home insurance	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
149	Building single family homes	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
150	Family and senior housing	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
151	The county’s allowance of new development without improving roads	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
152	Low cost housing not available	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
153	Short term rentals	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
154	Transportation options	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
155	Development is driving out Florida wildlife from their natural habitats	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
156	We are damaging native wild life and wet lands	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
157	No housing availability for no income or low income families	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
158	affordability	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
159	lack of affordable housing	2/28/2023 1:37 PM
160	Section 8 Housing certificates	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
161	lack of affordable housing	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
162	lack of organized communication to the people in need	2/27/2023 8:33 PM

163	Roads	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
164	Not enough low income housing	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
165	Temporary Housing	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
166	To many requirements in applications	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
167	too many Air BnB type housing	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
168	more house - not affordable necessarily	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
169	Housing rental too expensive	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
170	Affordable Home Ownership and support of Habitat and other such charities	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
171	lack of affordable housing	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
172	waiting list	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
173	Wait list	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
174	Crowding	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
175	Affordability	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
176	Shortage of affordable or attainable housing	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
177	infrastructure has not kept up with the increased population	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
178	Quality of life	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
179	Help for homeless - more funding	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
180	Landlords raising rent so high and forcing people to leave area if possible	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
181	NIMBIism	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
182	Transportation	2/23/2023 11:04 AM
183	Youth development	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
184	Lack of availability of low income housing.	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
185	Lack of housing for middle incones	2/22/2023 5:11 PM
186	No protection against severe rent increases	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
187	Housing for the elderly & disabled	2/16/2023 9:15 AM
188	Lack of Temporary Shelters	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
189	Strict housing guidelines	2/15/2023 9:42 AM
190	Is it reaching those who really need it?	2/6/2023 4:33 PM
#	**ANSWER 3**	**DATE**
1	Price	3/30/2023 10:02 PM
2	Failed to use increases in values/taxes to aid affordable housing.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
3	The long waiting lists for housing.	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
4	Apartments that are not affordable by most people.	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
5	Availability	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
6	Build	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
7	Too much building without concern for current infrastructure	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
8	inadequate infrastructure	3/27/2023 11:40 AM
9	inadequate roads	3/27/2023 11:10 AM

10	Traffic reduction	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
11	Workforce housing	3/27/2023 8:23 AM
12	Clean water	3/26/2023 11:26 PM
13	County commissioners catering to big money developers	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
14	Traffic	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
15	No work force housing	3/26/2023 11:28 AM
16	better traffic management	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
17	Lack of affordable housing	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
18	Too many storage units	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
19	To expensive for most of us who live here	3/25/2023 10:56 PM
20	Affordable housing forcseniors	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
21	Destroying agricultural and natural areas for development	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
22	Too many vacation rentals	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
23	Insufficient infrastructure to support over development	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
24	Safety	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
25	No affordable housing for any age	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
26	Recreation areas	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
27	Code enforcement to clean up, repair present dwellings	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
28	Lack of parks and green spaces	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
29	Family care (single parents)	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
30	Water and sewer	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
31	Distribution of recreation amenities	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
32	Housing close to employment areas	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
33	Emergency Housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
34	Traffic has gotten very congested	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
35	Too many car washes, self storage units and luxury apartments	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
36	Changing land use from agricultural to residential	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
37	Infrastructure not keeping up with development	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
38	County policies related to preserving annual rentals vs encouraging conversion to investor owned mini motels	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
39	Lack of low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
40	Pay scales to "sunshine factor" are not realistic. With the crowding going on, how can the working and retired people GET out to where they can enjoy recreation in the Sun and waters! ...that is the whole idea?	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
41	Roads	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
42	Stop developing at 4 houses per acre	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
43	Where large communities and apartments are being built out east, they didn't fix the road situation. Traffic is horrible.	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
44	Lakewood Ranch	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
45	50% of all new construction west of I-75 must be for low-middle income families	3/24/2023 7:00 AM

46	Lack of preservation of green space	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
47	Infrastructure	3/23/2023 10:36 PM
48	Insurance and home repair affordability	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
49	Protect our natural resources! They are the basis of our tourism popularity	3/23/2023 8:21 PM
50	School zoning	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
51	County needs homeless shelter for women and kids	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
52	Woefully inadequate infrastructure	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
53	infrastructure	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
54	Jobs	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
55	Too many giant homes being built	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
56	Schools	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
57	Affordable homes while keeping green space around them	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
58	Density	3/23/2023 2:50 PM
59	affordable senior rent	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
60	Traffic mights needed	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
61	Electrical improvements	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
62	Too many	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
63	Unsure	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
64	Too many cars on the roads	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
65	Overdevelopment	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
66	Refurbishing the area near Pier 22	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
67	providing necessary services, infrastructure for the community	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
68	Getting to crowded like in big cities, like Miami, etc.	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
69	traffic	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
70	Ignoring the harm being done by businesses like Mosaic to our environment and waters.	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
71	Upgrade older infrastructure	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
72	affordable insurance and property taxes	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
73	Need for workforce housing	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
74	Housing for lower income families	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
75	Large developers pushing out small investors	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
76	Building low cost housing	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
77	Slow down growth and focus on roads.	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
78	Roads	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
79	Low paying wages	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
80	Over development	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
81	Business development	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
82	Overcrowded roads and uncontrolled growth	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
83	Saving what's left of our preserves and possibly adding more. Staying away from the mangroves!	3/22/2023 6:57 AM

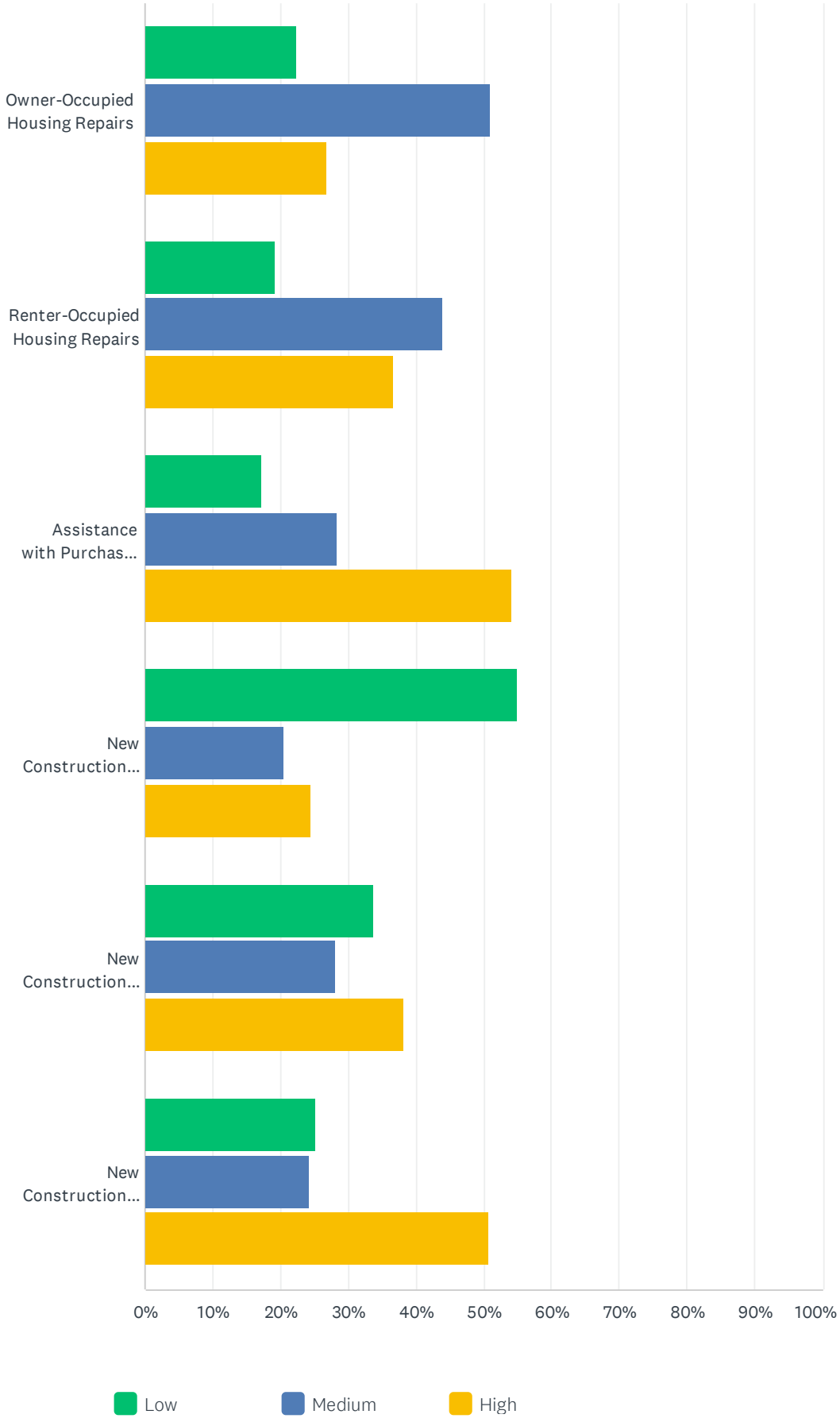
84	Destroy the environment	3/22/2023 2:49 AM
85	Over building/infrastructure	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
86	General affordability	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
87	Low wages	3/21/2023 9:51 AM
88	homeless housing options	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
89	Infrastructure	3/19/2023 3:16 PM
90	Traffic	3/18/2023 9:20 PM
91	N/A	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
92	Traffic congestion	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
93	Completely disregarding residents multiple concerns	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
94	Development for housing	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
95	Taking bribes	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
96	spent investors money instead of county funds	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
97	Lack of infrastructure to support more housing	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
98	traffic	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
99	Water	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
100	Very high rent	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
101	Property insurance rates	3/17/2023 7:14 AM
102	Push of woke culture is disparaging to our youth, causing more mental stress and higher drug use, and suicide rates.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
103	Overdevelopment with a lack of sufficient green space	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
104	Over development of expensive housing	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
105	Lack of infrastructure for new development	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
106	affordable housing	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
107	Elder housing	3/16/2023 7:18 PM
108	Potholes in streets	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
109	Downtown redevelopment	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
110	Building roads	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
111	If you knew you certainly didn’t do anything to address them	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
112	Infrastructure - Utilities	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
113	Over Building	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
114	Not enough low income housing for seniors	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
115	Stop building too many people in this town, too much traffic and backups	3/16/2023 1:22 PM
116	Lack of jobs	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
117	availability for families with more than two children	3/16/2023 10:02 AM
118	Homelessness	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
119	Build More Homes	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
120	no mental health residency programs long term	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
121	Traffic congestion	3/6/2023 7:42 PM

122	Overdevelopment	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
123	Too many houses built in a small amount of time with pop up neighborhoods	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
124	Infrastructure	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
125	Fixing roads	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
126	Traffic	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
127	Poor quality housing	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
128	engage developers to fund the above	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
129	Infrastructure	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
130	Over abundance of new luxury developments increasing the market value of pre-existing homes	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
131	Workforce housing	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
132	Insurance hikes	3/5/2023 7:34 PM
133	Infrastructure for traffic	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
134	Better traffic controls to move traffic better	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
135	Building storage facilities	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
136	Housing options for all	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
137	The dearth of stop lights in high traffic sreas	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
138	Storm readiness	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
139	Housing costs	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
140	Health coverage	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
141	Too many 55+ communities	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
142	we need to start saying no to growing as fast	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
143	Programs are unable to work with the city or other agencies, and developers to assist person with housing needs.	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
144	impact on overtaxed existing infrastructure	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
145	Rental assistance	2/28/2023 1:37 PM
146	Tranitional Housing	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
147	homelessness	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
148	too much Contruction at one time	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
149	New builds seem to be luxury housing	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
150	PSH	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
151	Application fees	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
152	using assets for non county residents.	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
153	workforce retention	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
154	Some community do not want certain housing program in their backyard	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
155	Critical Home Repairs for residents who cannot afford repairs	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
156	housing being converted to vacation rentals	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
157	cost of living too high	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
158	Cost of living	2/24/2023 10:52 AM

159	Childcare	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
160	Quality / size	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
161	Shortage of rent controlled and affordable retiree / elderly housing	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
162	limited access to support services	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
163	Urban sprawl	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
164	Grant funding	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
165	Overcrowding	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
166	Housing stability	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
167	Preparness to equip people for success	2/23/2023 11:04 AM
168	Homeless	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
169	Qualifications standards to obtain housing.	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
170	Long term residents leaving -can’t afford to live here anyway	2/22/2023 5:11 PM
171	Lack of Permanent Supportive Housing/Elderly housing	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
172	There needs to be more affordable housing and communities	2/6/2023 4:33 PM

Q3 Please rate the need for the following housing activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1


Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs
Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs
Assistance with Purchas...
New Construction...
New Construction...
New Construction...
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Low
Medium
High

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	22.32% 50	50.89% 114	26.79% 60	224
Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	19.28% 43	43.95% 98	36.77% 82	223
Assistance with Purchasing a Home	17.33% 39	28.44% 64	54.22% 122	225
New Construction - Single-Family Units	55.00% 121	20.45% 45	24.55% 54	220
New Construction - Multi-Family Units (Rental)	33.63% 75	28.25% 63	38.12% 85	223
New Construction - Senior Housing (Rental)	25.11% 56	24.22% 54	50.67% 113	223

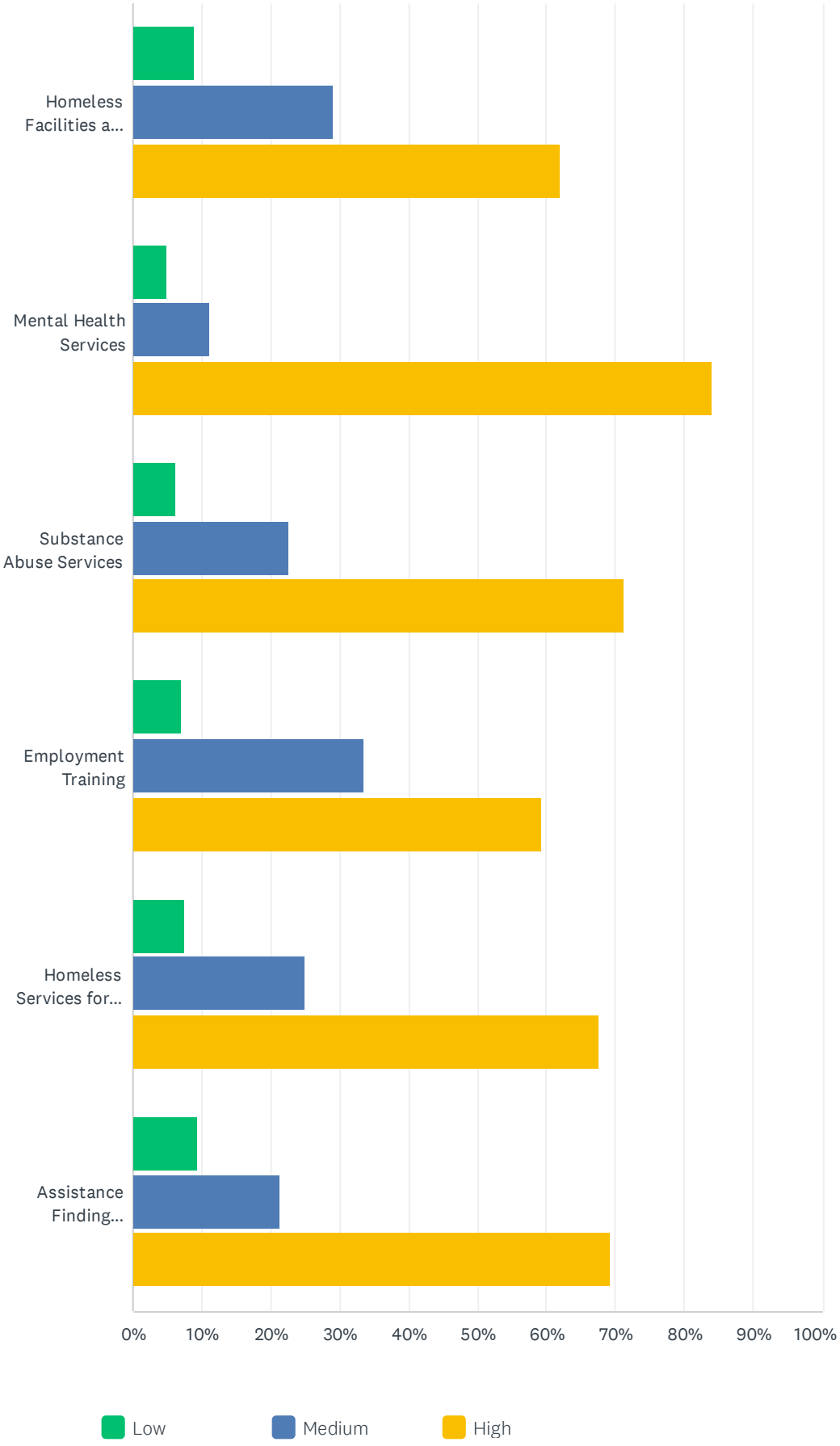
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1	Affordable housing for Disabled (intellectually and physically). Group homes and/or housing enclaves that would include housing for care givers and transportation for those that have jobs and for those that need transportation to various activities (recreational and healthcare)	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
2	All housing developments should only be approved if specific traffic planning, new roadways are addressed FIRST. Redevelop blighted locations, not open spaces/farmland.	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
3	integrate green space	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
4	We need less housing and more road improvements; you can't get from your new build to the places that brought you to Bradenton in the first place.	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
5	Too overcrowded already	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
6	The County Commission MUST focus on this issue and stop wasting time and energy on confederate monuments, Second Amendment sanctuary nonsense, "pro-life" pandering, and seeing who can be more MAGA. Commissioner Baugh immediately comes to mind.	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
7	controlled growth. provide services in place before allowing building. Seniors need to become a priority before they become kicked to the curb. Eastern developments need to be held accountable instead of buy-the-commissioner! Affordable housing at a 50% rate on developments. One affordable for each home built. This are our families who fix broken pipes and a/c. Expand the sheriff dept. to bring back real response time in the older neighborhoods instead of LR! FIX THE ROADS! no more development unless roads match added traffic and in place AHEAD of development. Limit the home flipping to - must live in for a year before flipping!	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
8	With so much development, there does not appear to be concern for having adequate amounts of clean water. Nor is there concern for adequate water filtration systems.	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
9	Stop approving new builds with out infrastructure and road expansion.	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
10	Better options for our senior care where there is proper oversight of the facilities and staff.	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
11	Infrastructure for the excessive development that you already approved.	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
12	Instead of building huge luxury homes & condos why not build lots of small, modest single family homes (800'=1500') that were affordable. The ones on the larger end could have floorplans that would be conducive to room mates (2 main bedrooms/baths at opposite ends of the home. That way singles could share a home instead of being stuck in an apt. Also add wild areas in each new development that had connecting coradoors to other nearby wildlife areas. That way all residents can enjoy nature in their own neighborhood & animals can travel wide distances using the coradores without having to have one l single large area that only a few people would be within walking distance to. Good for people, wildlife, & the environment. Also add small pocket parks in neighborhoods	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
13	AFFORDABLE housing that is available ONLY to those who are considered low income	3/24/2023 7:04 PM

14	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
15	AFFORDABLE housing	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
16	More modular home developments..all age groups	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
17	STOP subsidizing the investors who buy affordable housing only to evict long term tenants; stop overadvetising as a destination; stop exaggerating proximity to beaches;Stop political warfare against the housing challenged	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
18	What happened to the Cluster-family home idea leaving more green areas. BETTER CODES and CODE Enforcement.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
19	Infrastructure - we need roads, law enforcement, fire and ambulance services to address the ridiculous building that the county commission approved.	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
20	Insurance coverage	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
21	Is new construction really necessary? There are plenty of homes that just need refurbishing. There are empty apartments.	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
22	Affordable rentals for young and old.	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
23	Realistic low income housing. The only people that can afford these high mortgages either came from another state, or seem to be lucky to be able to afford 4 bedroom houses. How about just nice family houses 2-3 bedrooms for local families, or affordable apartments. Low income housing is bs in Florida. All people should be able to afford a place to live whether you make minimum wage or higher. Across the board, rent should cost no more than 1/4 of your income, with a max limit. you have such a restrictive must make this much, but not more than that much ratio	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
24	Stop out-of-area individuals, corporations, and foreign businesses from purchasing homes in residential communities (which could be purchased by individuals and families who will occupy them full-time) and turning them into daily or weekly vacation rentals!!!!!	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
25	Too many houses!	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
26	Affordable housing for workers not luxury/seniors. Theres a overabundence of luxury apartments and senior only housing Help get homeless people housed	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
27	Planned development with infrastructure first.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
28	Low Income opportunities. I am a single mom. When we moved here we could afford a home but I hadn't been employed in state long enough. 5 years in and we've been outpriced from ever having a chance.	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
29	Learn a lesson from states that have already dealt with these problems. Stand up to developers who over develop and then move on.	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
30	Repair curbs, strengthen navigation between retail buildings, doctors offices, state, local and county government buildings and less accidents in parking lot areas. More palm trees in islands and medians.	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
31	hold landlords accountable for repairs and safety of property maybe develop a site where renters can report. microapartments would be great. credit counseling, budget education. we don't need granite and stainless steel kitchens just affordable and clean and solar to keep bills down. crackdown on unreported rental income and fund hud and community services. desoto mall could have solar panels and a community garden on the roof, small apartments on top floor with local businesses underneath and a parking garage on bottom level. Keep those semi trucks out of there.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
32	Low income seniors	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
33	Lower cost housings	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
34	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
35	Affordable housing for our "essential workers" people can't afford to live here any longer!	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
36	Affordable sr housing < 760 mo$	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
37	no more building, you are making our state overcrowded. we will run out of ground without	3/21/2023 3:34 PM

	trees, water and the roads can not handle all the traffic.	
38	Cap on what landlords can raise rent each year	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
39	Housing options for income constrained persons is of paramount importance; all persons need place to be with dignity	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
40	Lower Cost Rentals for Singles (if not included under multi-family)	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
41	Homelessness housing needed	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
42	There should be no public funding for rental property repairs.	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
43	Please limit the number of new storage units taking up valuable potential housing space.	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
44	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
45	affordable housing	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
46	Infrastructure	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
47	Affordable housing for working class minimum wage people	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
48	Age in place for seniors	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
49	Affordable housing home ownership. The beginning of anyone's personal wealth is the ownership of their first home. And the more we put ownership back into the hands of people who live here and out of the hands of out of state and out of country home owners, the more the local economy will prosper and so will the people in the county.	3/16/2023 3:52 PM
50	More housing	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
51	I cannot rate the need for more single family homes low enough	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
52	Stop pop up neighborhoods where builders are the architects, builders, planners, & loan officers!!! It does not help our community!! Allowing this puts our infrastructure behind because we can’t possibly keep up with adding 250 homes on 50 acres!! The roads are overwhelmed. Traffic is awful! No wonder though. I understand housing has to be affordable, but stop letting these builders do the minimum easements & pack them into small areas.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
53	multi unit rentals should be affordable, we don't need any more luxury condos	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
54	Too much building in this county over priced!! Over populated roads are a mess and county is doing nothing about it!	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
55	Too many seniors we need more working class to fill employment vacancies namely in the service industry	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
56	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
57	The problem is NOT simply the need for housing but rather affordable housing- so far this survey is completely out of touch with the needs of the community	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
58	We need more affordable housing. Not only for section 8 or people with gov assistance, but for 1 income or lower income families	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
59	Any and all housing are needed for elderly and lower income households.	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
60	low-income housing availability and affordability	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
61	rent incentive programs for landlords: The county should do tax breaks for rental properties where the landlord charges less rent than they could, the county could provide matching funds for fixes to run down rentals	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
62	Having to make 3x the amount is outragious if i made that why would I rent when I can buy a house.	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
63	ONLY if the new rental construction has an AFFORDABLE living component. For those making less than 200% AMI	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
64	Rent increases are out of control	2/23/2023 4:36 PM

Q4 Please rate the need for the following homeless services activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1


Homeless Facilities a...
Mental Health Services
Substance Abuse Services
Employment Training
Homeless Services for...
Assistance Finding...
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20%
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50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Low
Medium
High

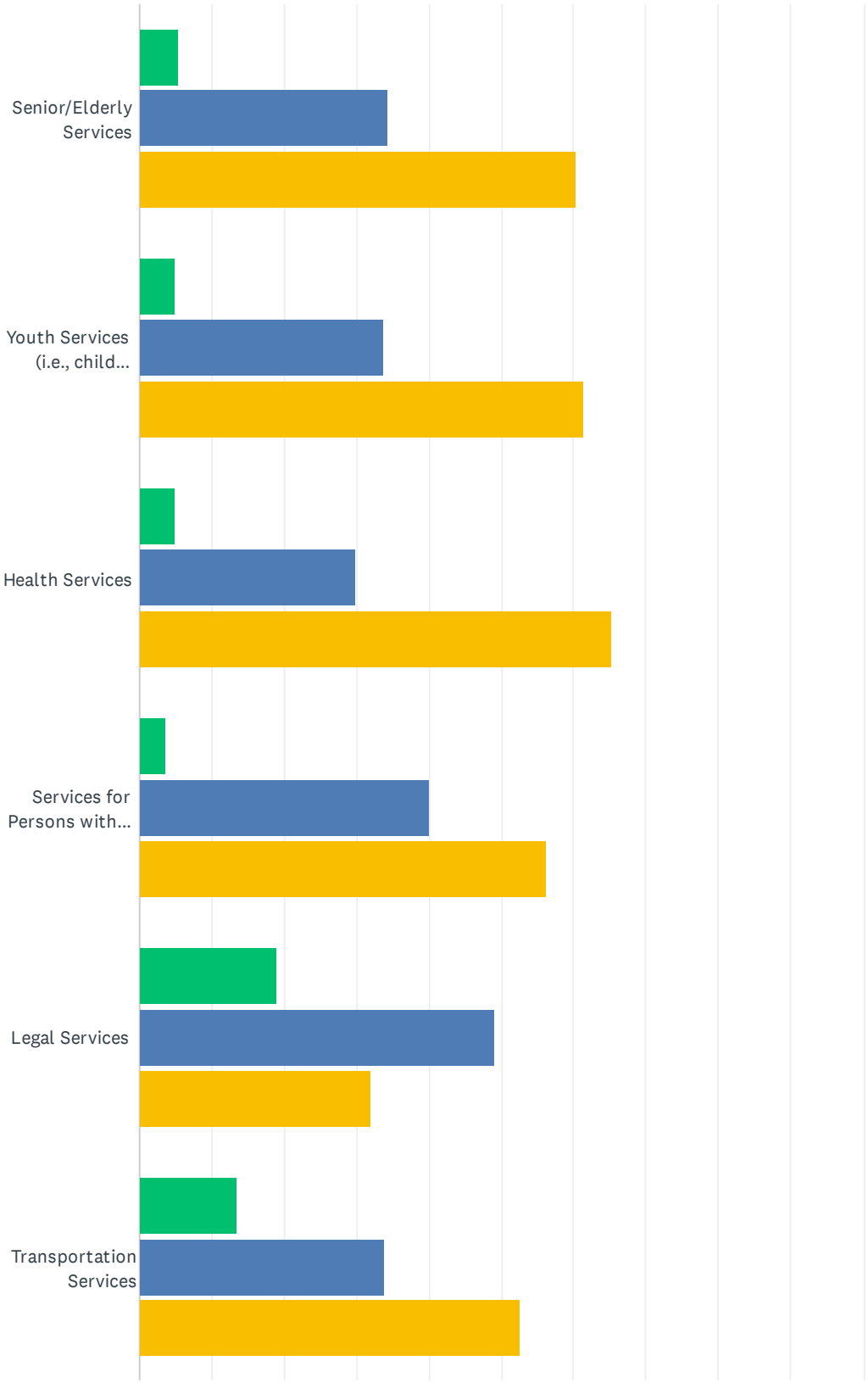
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Homeless Facilities and Shelters	8.93% 20	29.02% 65	62.05% 139	224
Mental Health Services	4.87% 11	11.06% 25	84.07% 190	226
Substance Abuse Services	6.22% 14	22.67% 51	71.11% 160	225
Employment Training	7.14% 16	33.48% 75	59.38% 133	224
Homeless Services for Youth	7.56% 17	24.89% 56	67.56% 152	225
Assistance Finding Homeless Services/Case Management	9.38% 21	21.43% 48	69.20% 155	224

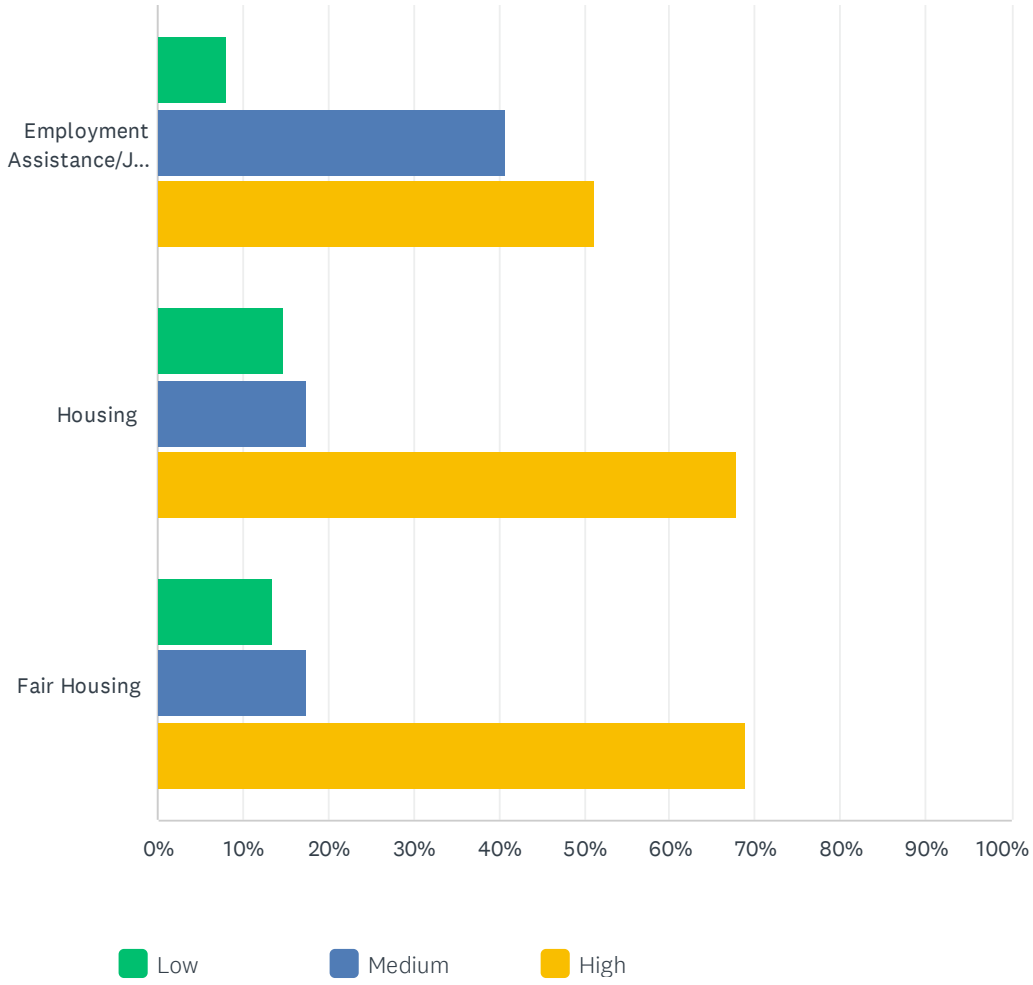
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Prefer housing over shelters.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
2	It's unclear to me whether many homeless are so by choice (ergo need me talk health assistance?), or fell on difficult times and need counseling assistance.	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
3	They already choose not to work, for the government will pay	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
4	Prevention, intervention, and crisis management. Not one - all three. It's much cheaper to keep someone in a home than to find them one later. Focus!	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
5	We must get the homeless off our streets and medians. So many just sleeping on the roadside in the middle of the day. @43rd st west and Cortez.	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
6	Take care of our residents first. Too many coming out of state. Stop vagrancy and sleeping on sidewalks.	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
7	We have people on every corner working for drugs or alcohol, nothing more. They need rehabilitation, job training and housing.	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
8	I believe strongly in housing 1st. Love the idea of tiny home communities with a community center in which residence can receive food, medical & mental health services, job training/referrals, These have been fairly successful in many areas. Homeless people are moved off the streets, given a safe place to sleep & keep a few possessions, they pay a modest rent after a short time such as 3 months & are required to fo contribute to the community by doing some chores such as cleaning up, lawn maintanence & cooking. These types of communities help many homeless people transition out of homelessness & back into mainstream society. At worse. Ir gets them off the streets & actually saves the taxpayers money in police, EMS & emergency medical services.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
9	Please review the information from BoCC meetings in 4/22 and 4/23	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
10	Return funding to open door	3/24/2023 5:15 PM
11	VA support services locally. Housing and skilled care . More intensive Case management of high risk individuals manage	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
12	By targeting the results of Homelessness, are we not encouraging it? Target the Core. Yes, there are valid reasons that render a person homeless. Mental problems a biggee. But Many just don't want responsibilities. JOB TRAINING. SERIOUS Case Management Training. Accountability. ....are they lazy or Really overloaded?	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
13	Services for child protection , police protection	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
14	Mental health and homelessness go hand in hand	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
15	Shelter for women and kids	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
16	everyone deserves a safe place to live. More and more homeless everyday with the prices of	3/23/2023 5:43 PM

	rents and new homes. Maybe convert more motels into low income, or tiny home areas. Get the people off the street and fed	
17	Services for homeless individuals with pets (veterinary access and food assistance). Assistance for seniors with pets (veterinary access, food assistance).	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
18	Increasing	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
19	Keeping vagrants who choose not to participate in services off the streets, especially downtown.	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
20	Not sure about the extent that the county is already providing services…	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
21	family planning including budgeting and saving for starting a family. There is no planned parenthood in manatee county anymore. pre-natal health education and birth control should be accessible to all women and girls. What is the teen pregnancy rate in manatee county? Employment training would help set families up for saving for a home before they have kids.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
22	We have to many people begging on the streets.	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
23	Removing homeless from private land	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
24	Housing first; everything else secondary	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
25	Not suggesting congregate shelters so much as additional units for those currently homeless	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
26	Integrated approach to housing, substance abuse and training programs that get people on their feet	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
27	This is a growing problem. In five years it has gotten to be a much larger issue.	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
28	Turning Points does a great job but we need more help.	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
29	We need to police the homeless much better in this county.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
30	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
31	Honest & Fair Counseling Re: Mental Health/Addictions. Encourage Self Help.	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
32	Shelter space for single women is inordinately low. Centerstone does admirable work, but some housing challenged individuals simply cannot manage financial, mental health, substance abuse and living under a roof. Providing safe shelter should include a safe place for their belongings during the day (i.e. lockers) so they are not trying to bring them into public buildings. Also, many have pets which preclude them from using shelters.	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
33	Helping homeless should be top priority: we could construct building box stations on the busline that allow homeless to access their belongs without having to take everything with them. Also homeless people always have grocery bags when we should give them more durable bags. Ideally a community center could allow homeless to shower, clean up, get hair cut. do job fairs for homeless people. The tokens for the storage boxes could be given for task completion such as attend job fair, complete paperwork at non-profit, community help, day job etc.	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
34	English as a second language classes	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
35	Besides Salvation Army and Turning Points are the only places that I have seen that truthfully help the homeless.	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
36	The local shelter has not kept up with the growth of our community. We need additional shelter beds. There is a lot of employment training. We need to help individuals and families to access it with things like childcare and transportation.	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
37	There is a great need for more homeless Facilities that can offer all or more of the same resources as Turning Points.	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
38	storage/lockers for people experiencing homelessness assistance for the aging population	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
39	Services need to be trauma-informed, individualized, and engaging to meet the needs of the population and not expect the population to fit into a single model.	2/23/2023 6:06 PM

Q5 Please rate the need for the following public/social services activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 225 Skipped: 2





	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Senior/Elderly Services	5.36% 12	34.38% 77	60.27% 135	224
Youth Services (i.e., child care, tutoring, after school care, etc.)	4.93% 11	33.63% 75	61.43% 137	223
Health Services	4.89% 11	29.78% 67	65.33% 147	225
Services for Persons with Disabilities	3.57% 8	40.18% 90	56.25% 126	224
Legal Services	18.92% 42	49.10% 109	31.98% 71	222
Transportation Services	13.39% 30	33.93% 76	52.68% 118	224
Employment Assistance/Job Training	8.07% 18	40.81% 91	51.12% 114	223
Housing	14.73% 33	17.41% 39	67.86% 152	224
Fair Housing	13.51% 30	17.57% 39	68.92% 153	222

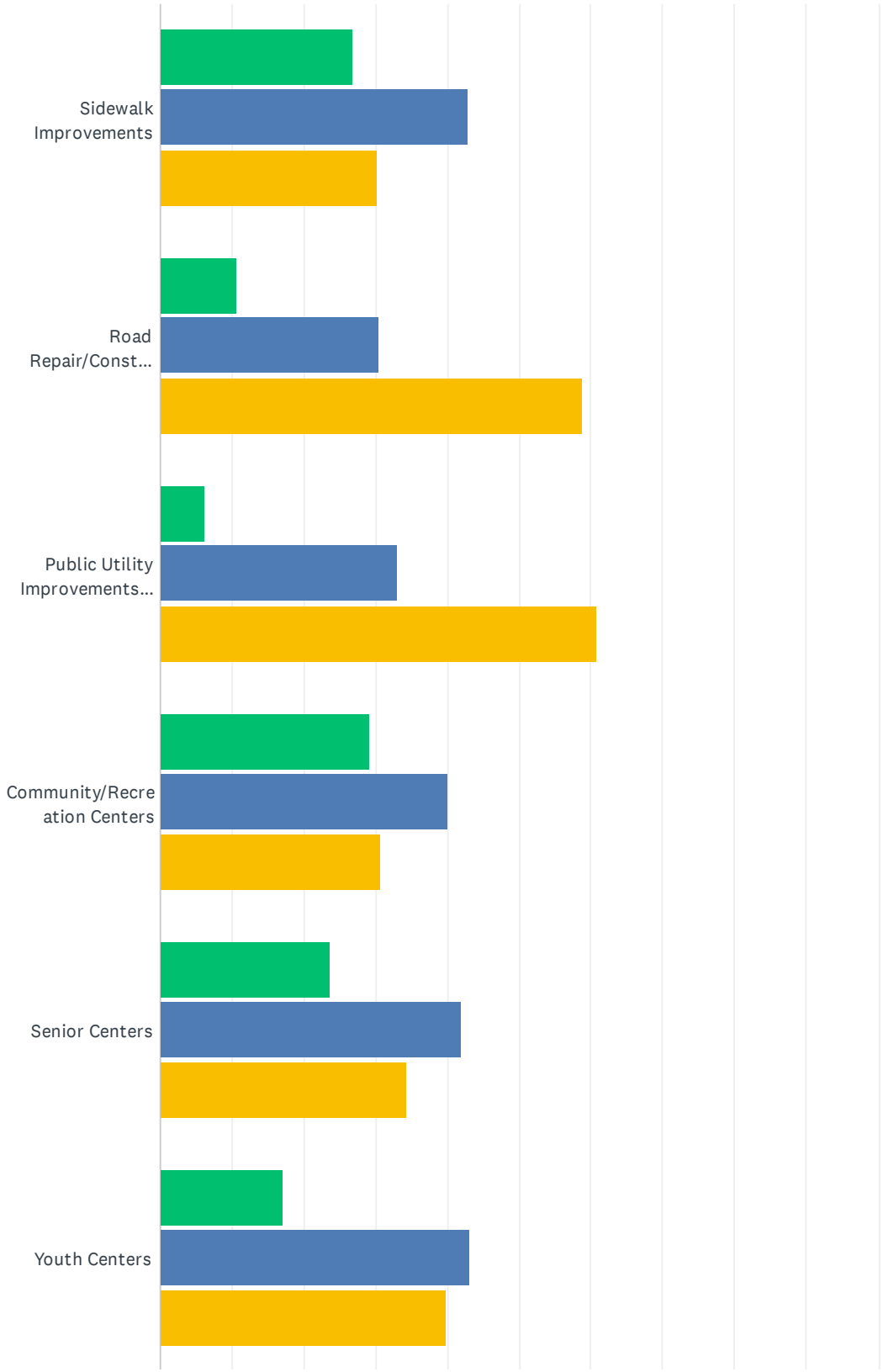
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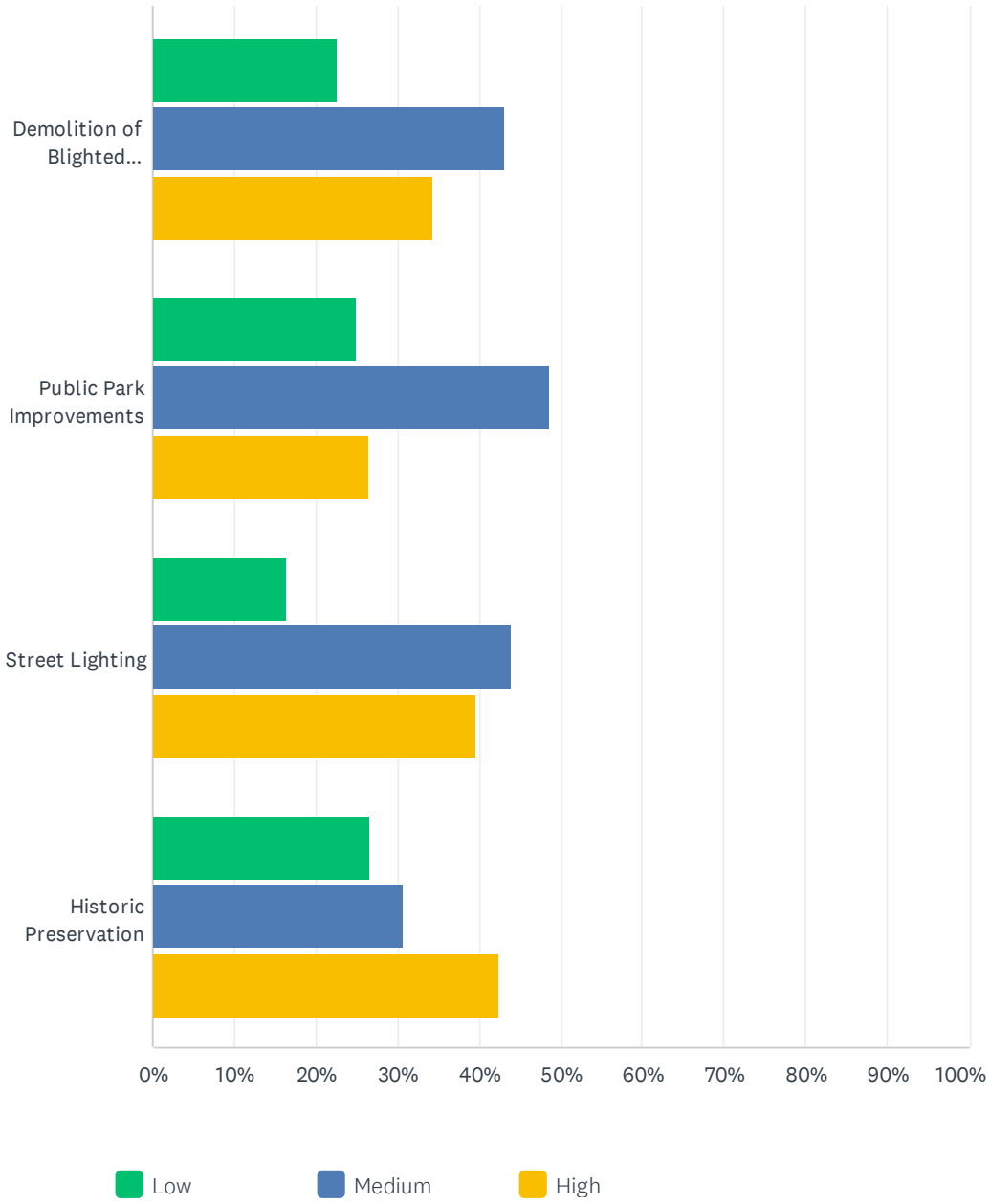
1	I'm assuming "fair housing" is income adjusted housing.	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
2	We need to set a rate for rentals. Hud is driving the rates up way too much	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
3	integrate green space	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
4	They are all important and MUCH more important than what the County Commission seems to spent their time on.	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
5	Fair housing for srs & ppl w/disabilities	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
6	Low income housing ... Have plenty of new builds (too many) in the county	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
7	"Fair" housing? What does that mean?	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
8	There appears to be a complicated application process and long wait for seniors to access transportation help.	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
9	When these young people get hooked on drugs there is no where for them to get help when they are sick. So go too the streets to get more drugs.	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
10	Need to expand the bus routes & frequency. Need to make roads MUCH more bike friendly for people that ride as their way to get around, not just for recreation. If residents felt safer riding they would drive less resulting is less traffic, wear on the roads, pollution. Also people would be healthier. E-bikes should be able to use bike lanes. Many people have health issues & cn not Beale. Also, adding sidewalks on all main roads would allow & encourage people to walk & get out of their cars.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
11	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
12	Community services need to be in one building in each quadrant if the county with accessable transportation available	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
13	The Biggest problem here is abuse and scamming by the public, I've seen too many dishonest disability claims made by able people. Too many taking advantage of services when capable. BUT transportation is sorely needed. Florida cities lacking good planning through the decades, did Not factor in public transportation. Health care is unattainable for too many as it is so high$$.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
14	Focus on afford housing and services for year round residents versus seasonal.	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
15	fair affordable housing. More people would work if they had a place to live, There are many service industry jobs available since covid. More get clean programs and place in some of these jobs to help other small businesses. Kids need to be in school, provide a safe environment. Elderly cant afford rents any more on social security. More busses are needed for those who do not drive in Bradenton, Palmetto, Parrish, Ellenton	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
16	Training in healthy meal planning, growing own vegetables, and budgeting.	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
17	Rents are too high for workers. We are the ones keeping the county running to attract the tourists. We need affordable housing	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
18	Hospital rooms! Health care workers.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
19	Think about the residents here rather than attracting new ones. Stop and think...more tax money shouldn't be the goal.	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
20	Why doesn't Mcat run on Sundays, people still have to get to work! Basic eye exams and glasses funding would be great, it is hard to work or drive when you can't see, would also help with older workers working more.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
21	Young people and some seniors have great need, due to low wages and low income for seniors	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
22	Affordable housing other than the cheap cardboard stuff on 14th!!	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
23	housing first; everything else secondary	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
24	More housing is clearly needed. Free bus service has provided new opportunities for clients and I hope the county continues it.	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
25	stop pursuing hi income development and start addressing the needs of lower income families.	3/17/2023 11:21 AM

26	Stop commercial development and extensive housing development. It is ruining the area. I left heavily concentrated area 20 years ago. The way Manatee county continues to fill every square of land with purpose is just gross. Meantime there is no investment in youth sports rurally. No investment in activities for children rurally.	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
27	Please stop trying to make manatee county a preferred place for low income & homeless people to live. They don't pay our taxes…. So stop catering to them	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
28	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
29	Housing for millenials	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
30	Affordable housing for childless adults	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
31	I don't know what " fair" housing means? Pretty? Fair for whom? AFFORDABLE Housing is the need.	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
32	Daytime community center to help seniors, children and housing challenged to have a safe place to get lunch and socialize.	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
33	Affordable Housing is absolutely our top need, including senior housing. Health Services are pretty well covered in our community with MCR and Turning Points. Dental is still a big issue. Not enough providers for the underinsured. Turning Points handles the uninsured but there are still so many people with Medicaid/Medicare who can't afford quality dental care.	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
34	More HUD/Section 8 funding. There should not be a 5-6 year wait to qualify	2/15/2023 9:53 AM

Q6 Please rate the need for the following community and economic development activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0




Demolition of Blighted...
Public Park Improvements
Street Lighting
Historic Preservation
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Low
Medium
High

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Sidewalk Improvements	26.79% 60	42.86% 96	30.36% 68	224
Road Repair/Construction	10.62% 24	30.53% 69	58.85% 133	226
Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater)	6.25% 14	33.04% 74	60.71% 136	224
Community/Recreation Centers	29.28% 65	40.09% 89	30.63% 68	222
Senior Centers	23.66% 53	41.96% 94	34.38% 77	224
Youth Centers	17.04% 38	43.05% 96	39.91% 89	223
Demolition of Blighted Structures	22.62% 50	42.99% 95	34.39% 76	221
Public Park Improvements	25.00% 56	48.66% 109	26.34% 59	224
Street Lighting	16.44% 37	44.00% 99	39.56% 89	225
Historic Preservation	26.70% 59	30.77% 68	42.53% 94	221

#	IF THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SPECIFY. FOR ANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE "HIGH" PRIORITY, PLEASE INDICATE THEIR LOCATION BELOW.	DATE
1	Code enforcement re: abandoned houses (for years!) in neighborhoods.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
2	Service for persons with disabilities	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
3	Road construction - our roadways are jammed with vehicles. Major arteries like 1st St and Manatee Ave need better traffic patterns or relief. APPROVE A "FLY-OVER" FOR THE BRIDGE! Water and Storm water - our over-development is taxing our existing systems that need upgrading. Demo of blighted structures - these should be the locations that are developed for housing (if not in commercial areas) before any other land is considered for approval by planning. Historic preservation - what few historic homes, whether privately owned or not, should be declared Historic. Communities like Braden Castle reflect "old Florida" which is rapidly disappearing.	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
4	integrate natural green space	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
5	High: Don't demolish buildings or sell buildings downtown (Library) - preserve the building and it's use.	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
6	Affordable houses for working class Bicycles lanes	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
7	14th street, 9th street and Manatee avenue are streets leading into the city of Bradenton and should be a priority in look and feel with them. There Needs to be a Bigger, Bolder and Nicer "Welcome to Bradenton" signs.	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
8	West side of Bradenton... There is no senior center or even adult day care options, streets congested and my street hasn't been paved in 20+ years (grass is growing up in it!), storm water floods streets, very concerned on lack of drinking water risk with all this growth and no increase in supply	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
9	Too many lights being added. Night sky is at risk with all the new street lights.	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
10	Preservation of waterways and rural areas should be a priority. We do not have the water & sewer infrastructure to handle anymore new communities. Who is going to pay for it once the developers get their money? Or for the clean up when it turns into an emergency?	3/24/2023 8:26 PM

11	Pocket parks, connecting nature areas & community gardens.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
12	District 2 typically needs attention.	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
13	Palmetto. Small downtown area needs assistance to promote small business to relocate here. Sadly lacking retail . Needs a facelift. Is becoming a drive thru community.	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
14	affordable housing	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
15	We are a Coastal Location. Bradenton Area is surrounded by WATER. We Can hardly access it ! THIS IS a DIRTY Shame! Too much private waterfront ownership has been allowed by the County Commissioners. Manatee cities need to provide for the large working public and low income public. More Natural GREEN Areas need to be preserved! Florida Character and Nature preserved!	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
16	road repair is needed more than new roads, especially east of I-75	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
17	Any community that isn't Lakewood Ranch should get priority.	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
18	New developments get sidewalks. Existing communities (Ellwood park) are constantly bypassed. Projects are cancelled due to new developments. Kids have to walk, and wait, for the bus on the road, no sidewalks. Roads are horrible due to the amount of traffic and construction vehicles tearing them apart. (45th St E - north and south of 70)	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
19	all high traffic areas need more and better roads, hwy 41, Manatee Ave, Cortez, 301, Hwy 75	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
20	Need more schools!! Too many families moving here and the schools are already overcrowded.	3/23/2023 5:12 PM
21	CCTV for the safety of residents	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
22	SIDEWALKS IN SAMOSET FOR CHILDREN WALKING TO SCHOOL! Constant cars speeding and kids walking in streets and sliding into ditches to avoid. At the very least we need signs, fines, speedbumps or designated street markings for children walking. Unbelievable none of this is in place near an elementary school neighborhood.	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
23	All over but especially in the urban core areas	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
24	Tired of historic buildings being torn down, especially on the island where cute bungalows have been replaced with McMansions. People came here for the old feel and they have ruined it with overdevelopment. We do not need all the money as businesses were doing great before without all the destruction. Now those businesses are struggling to find help because there is no where to live and they can't pay people enough due to developers making big money on the rich who have moved here and wrecked the vibe.	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
25	Too many roads destroyed by huge construction vehicles used by developers...place the burden on them.	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
26	Lower some speed limits when approaching Palmetto from 41, 19, 301. People driving too fast for locals to use roads!	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
27	Low water pressure in homes and business along cortez rd from 301 to 51st street and Fairlane acres mhp always has boil water notices. Businesses have to close or can't open do to plumbing issues. why are new things being built when existing places don't have reliable service.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
28	Think ahead instead of reacting after these developments go in and infrastructure hasn’t updated to keep up!	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
29	Wider roads to handle increasing housing in North River Ellenton / Parish.	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
30	Road repair Lockwood ridge area, also SR 70 has horrible traffic in that area everyday. We need another signal just past 9th ave w to prevent all the fatal accidents from people turning south off 70 into the neighborhoods there. Traffic signals need to be timed better. Road flooding around 26th and us 41 during rainy season. Removal of the turn lane on us 41 is uncalled for. Waste of money installing several crossings on Cortez within a mile. Improvements needed across the county not just out east.	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
31	More transparency from county commission more public access.	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
32	Water quality should have been a priority years ago. Major money and volunteer participation is	3/20/2023 8:34 PM

	needed here; septic risers for waterfront property; responsible practices for farmers/developers; clam & oyster farms as well as volunteer participation from waterfront property owners	
33	More parks, rec center and baseball fields out east. Lakewood ranch little league is literally busting at the seems and no new fields to accommodate the growth are in sight.	3/19/2023 3:16 PM
34	Impact fees need to be 100% developer funded	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
35	Road repair is high road construction is low!	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
36	Please beautify our major road medians similar to what you find in Sarasota. Stop encouraging corporate fast food places and encourage locally owned eateries.	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
37	14th Street and 9th Street, Desoto mall area.	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
38	West, Northwest, downtown	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
39	Construction of more north south roads. I75 too congested. Link i75 to 64	3/16/2023 9:16 PM
40	Smart and pragmatic planning for growth. Make sure the roads, parking, etc. are able to handle the growth	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
41	Public Lincoln Park was invested in with pool and water activities. Parrish however the planned park has trees and child age level play areas. Tell me why the Parrish Community that generate tons in property tax doesn't receive a pool and water activities for our families?	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
42	Stop clear cutting for new development. Preserve the rural communities. Create larger plots of land for each house, no more 5 houses to an acre nonsense.	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
43	Magnolia Manor neighborhood off of Morgan Johnson road is flood zone A. We have expensive homes, but because of the canal that runs through our neighborhood we are in a flood zone. A few years ago our neighborhood flooded badly. It has been approved that a 240+ neighborhood, a hotel, & a storage facility will be built in our neighborhood in the next year. This will destroy our neighborhood in many ways. Our school grades are already low, but let's add thousands of kids to their classrooms. Our area floods, so let's increase elevation all around the homes so they flood worse. Our streets are backed up with traffic so let's add thousands more that are trying to move around. We recently did a traffic study & it was determined that we needed speed bumps on both 18th ave east & 13th Ave east, but it has been approved to add thousands more moving through here. This is dangerous & reckless.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
44	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
45	Improvement Of Interaction With Front Line Workers. Do Not Slight A Non Paying/Non Insured With Medical Attention.	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
46	SR 70 & 45th st. East is terrible. There is only 1 lane to go straight. And I don't think truck (commercial) trucks should be aloud on 45th st. East to 44th Ave. East. They are very loud and way too many. It's all residential in that area. I can't even enjoy sitting on my lanai. It has gotten really bad. All they are doing is taking a short cut to get to all the construction on 301. I've only lived in manatee County county for a couple of years now. But these trucks traveling the road(45th st. East) have gotten really bad. Something really needs to be done about that. Anyway I have left some things blank cuz I'm still not too familiar with these other things.	3/5/2023 5:56 PM
47	Traffic lights to control tge doeed of traffic and widening of roads- many new housing developments are going up but in most cases the two lane roads are not being expanded	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
48	A community center would allow citizens to meet with SHINE and other organizations to assist with financial education and job training.	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
49	Sidewalks allow people with disabilities free movement and should always be a priority. Rec centers should have homeless services where they can shower. Rec centers should have dedicated teen activities on weekend nights. Community Centers should be staffed with someone that intake a person that wanders in, get them to services.	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
50	We need lights on corners because, that dark streets are dangerous and people can get hurt when walking or riding bikes	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
51	Need to limit the use of federal funding for infrastructure that could be funded through ad valorem/property taxes leaving a greater percentage of the funds available for affordable housing	2/23/2023 6:06 PM

Q7 From the activities listed in questions 3 through 6, what do you think are the 3 highest priorities for housing and community development activities in Manatee County over the next 5 years?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 29

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	100.00%	198
Answer 2	96.97%	192
Answer 3	91.92%	182

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Very affordable housing	3/30/2023 10:02 PM
2	Homeless services	3/29/2023 8:30 AM
3	Use value increases to fund housing.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
4	A park in Northeast Palmetto area behind 30th Street.	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
5	housing for persons with intellectual disabilities	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
6	Road/Bridge construction	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
7	Affordable housing	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
8	Fair housing	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
9	Homeless Shelters	3/27/2023 4:42 PM
10	Affordable housing	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
11	Assistance with purchasing homes	3/27/2023 3:26 PM
12	Historical preservation	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
13	low income housing	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
14	Adequate roads - no new subdivisions until the developer pays for road improvements	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
15	Quality and repair of rental property	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
16	Housing Activity	3/27/2023 8:23 AM
17	Affordable housing - multi-family units	3/26/2023 11:26 PM
18	Stop overdeveloping	3/26/2023 9:19 PM
19	Stop over building in eastern county areas	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
20	Health services	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
21	NOT confederate monuments	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
22	Come up with a master plan AGAIN AND STICK TO IT!	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
23	Relief from gridlocked traffic	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
24	Fair housing	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
25	Sr affordable housing	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
26	affordable housing	3/25/2023 6:44 PM

27	Assistance for purchasing a home	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
28	Stop over Development of high end housing	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
29	Road enhancements	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
30	No new construction	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
31	Roads - West side! Congestion and lack of flow is making crazy drivers!!	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
32	Homeless assistance	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
33	Ensure there is adequate ground water before approving housing developments	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
34	Affordable housing for young families	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
35	Historic preservation	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
36	Affordable rentals	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
37	Stop development	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
38	Roads and bridges	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
39	Affordable small single family nomes ($150,000-$300,000	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
40	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
41	Slow down new housing development	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
42	Assisting homeless	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
43	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
44	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
45	mental health programs	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
46	Low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
47	Re-development of Truly blighted buildings for low income housing and services.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
48	Road repair	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
49	Halt housing developments until the roads can handle the traffic	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
50	Road Improvement	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
51	First class Community parks in NE manatee county	3/24/2023 8:30 AM
52	Mental health facilities	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
53	decrease homelessness	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
54	Mental health services	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
55	Infastructure	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
56	Housing	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
57	Roads	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
58	Workforce housing	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
59	Shelters for the homeless	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
60	Stop rubber stamping all the developers requests	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
61	Less Traffic	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
62	Build more houses for migrants and northerners moving here to escape blue states	3/23/2023 5:12 PM
63	Lower rent	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
64	Affordable safe housing	3/23/2023 3:06 PM

65	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
66	Subsidized housing for Seniors.	3/23/2023 11:11 AM
67	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
68	Updating roads	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
69	Too many house	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
70	Affordable housing for workers	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
71	Hospital rooms, workers.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
72	Mental health	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
73	Assistance purchasing a home	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
74	Stop overdevelopment	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
75	Road construction	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
76	Low income housing	3/22/2023 8:59 PM
77	Improve sidewalks and bike paths	3/22/2023 7:15 PM
78	public utility improvements	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
79	Low cost housing	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
80	More affordable homes for workers.	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
81	affordable housing	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
82	Assistance with purchasing home	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
83	Low income sr. Housing	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
84	Assistance to purchase a home	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
85	Homeless	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
86	Roads	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
87	Senior housing	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
88	Homelessness	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
89	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
90	Senior housing	3/22/2023 8:44 AM
91	Transportation (specifically alt transport to beach so fewer cars)	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
92	Road improvements	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
93	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 8:08 AM
94	More preserves	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
95	affordable housing	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
96	Affordable sr housing	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
97	More affordable multi-family housing l.	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
98	more seniors activities	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
99	Permanent housing for the lowest income most vulnerable population	3/21/2023 12:05 PM
100	Cap on rent increases	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
101	Water quality	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
102	Traffic/congestion	3/19/2023 3:16 PM

103	Housing Assistance (Vouchers and/or Units)	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
104	Senior centers	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
105	Homeless assistance	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
106	Homeless	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
107	Senior services	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
108	new affordable housing	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
109	Senior housing	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
110	road repair and construction	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
111	Affordable Housing	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
112	affordable housing	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
113	Infrastructure	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
114	Substance abuse	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
115	limit property tax increases on non-homesteaded property	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
116	Mental health services	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
117	Fair housing	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
118	Roads, traffic control	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
119	new affordable housing	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
120	Affordable single family homes	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
121	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
122	New Construction - Multi-Family Units (Rental)	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
123	More occupant owned housing	3/16/2023 5:35 PM
124	Control of new housing	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
125	mental health	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
126	Home ownership for working class families	3/16/2023 3:52 PM
127	Infrastructure before building begins. Roads, etc, before new building begins.	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
128	Historic Preservation	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
129	Low rent housing for homeless	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
130	repair roads	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
131	New homes/larger inventory	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
132	Street Lighting	3/16/2023 10:02 AM
133	Homeless facilities and shelters	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
134	Senior housing	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
135	Schools	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
136	Youth services/centers	3/9/2023 7:22 AM
137	shelter	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
138	Slow the urban sprawl	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
139	Less development	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
140	Stop building pop up neighborhoods	3/6/2023 5:41 PM

141	Affordable housing based on mean wage	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
142	Senior/Aging Services	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
143	Owner occupied house repairs	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
144	Senior housing	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
145	Fair Housing	3/6/2023 8:42 AM
146	Affordable housing	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
147	Senior centers	3/6/2023 7:33 AM
148	Roads and Bridges infrastructure improvements	3/6/2023 6:55 AM
149	Fair housing	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
150	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
151	Youth housing	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
152	Less single family housing.	3/5/2023 8:36 PM
153	Mental health services	3/5/2023 7:31 PM
154	Helping To Get Homeless/Addicts Off The Street Corners	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
155	Affordable housing for seniors	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
156	AFFORTABLE HOUSING	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
157	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 6:20 PM
158	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
159	Senior housing	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
160	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
161	Fair housing	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
162	Fair Housing	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
163	Affordable housing	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
164	Homeless services	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
165	slow down	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
166	4	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
167	Affordable housing stock	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
168	more affordable housing	2/28/2023 1:37 PM
169	New Construction multi family rental housing	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
170	Help Homeless Feel Human Again. They are people that matter.	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
171	housing assistance	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
172	road repairs	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
173	Low cost housing	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
174	Affordable Housing	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
175	affordable housing	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
176	new construction senior housing with focus on ALF	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
177	Affordable housing	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
178	Homeless Facilities and Shelters	2/24/2023 12:06 PM

179	Support for affordable home ownership	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
180	Fair/Affordable/low income housing	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
181	rent needs to be lowered	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
182	Housing	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
183	Childcare, after school & before school, summer programs for youth	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
184	Single Family units	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
185	Permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
186	affordable rental housing	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
187	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
188	Fair housing	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
189	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
190	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
191	Employment training	2/23/2023 11:04 AM
192	Youth services	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
193	Fair housing	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
194	Rent control	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
195	Attainable housing for the elderly & disabled	2/16/2023 9:15 AM
196	Senior Housing	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
197	Homeless shelters	2/15/2023 9:42 AM
198	Assistance with Purchasing a Home	2/6/2023 4:33 PM

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1	Traffic	3/30/2023 10:02 PM
2	Affordable housing	3/29/2023 8:30 AM
3	"Working-class" housing near jobs.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
4	Sidewalks in Washington Park	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
5	employment opportunities with persons w/ intellectual disabilities	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
6	Public Utility Improvements	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
7	Healthcare	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
8	Mental health	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
9	Affordable Housing	3/27/2023 4:42 PM
10	Rent control	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
11	Fair Housing	3/27/2023 3:26 PM
12	Road repair/construction	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
13	integrate natural green space	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
14	Quit building McMansions and huge homes on Anna Maria Island	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
15	More quality/new low income housing	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
16	Public Social	3/27/2023 8:23 AM
17	Public Utility Improvements	3/26/2023 11:26 PM

18	Focus on the real issues in our county	3/26/2023 9:19 PM
19	lack of infrastructure for new subdivisions	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
20	Job training	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
21	NOT Second Amendment Sactuary	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
22	Provide real senior assistance and home repairs.	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
23	Water and sewer improvements	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
24	Repair roads	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
25	Sr services	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
26	homeless facilities and services	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
27	Housing	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
28	Rehab existing housing to create more affordable housing	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
29	Multi Family Homes	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
30	Road repair	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
31	Water - need to assure drinking supply so not live Riverview trucking it in for all those new houses	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
32	Enforcement of no vagrancy	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
33	Improve the quality of public drinking water.	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
34	Code enforcement on private and commercial properties	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
35	Small parks	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
36	Water & Sewer infrastructure	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
37	Fix the traffic problems you already created	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
38	Homeless shelters	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
39	Designated undeveloped wild areas that are interconnected with trails & bike paths f	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
40	Transitional housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
41	Keep farms and open spaces	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
42	Lack of affordable housing	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
43	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
44	One stop community service interventions	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
45	sidewalks	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
46	Low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
47	Sidewalks in ORIGINAL Bradenton When new areas have them all over the place.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
48	Homeless services for youth	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
49	Moratorium on developing open land to protect eildlife	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
50	Mental Health Services	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
51	Better road infrastructure! Too much traffic on 75/301	3/24/2023 8:30 AM
52	Teen centers to keep kids off drugs	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
53	restrain urban sprawl	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
54	Homeless services for youth	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
55	Building new affordable housing	3/23/2023 9:35 PM

56	Homeless facilities and shelters	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
57	sidewalks	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
58	Senior housing	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
59	Preservation and not destruction	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
60	Roads built before they are actually needed	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
61	housing for current residents that is affordable	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
62	Accessibility	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
63	Stop individuals, corporations, and foreign business from purchasing homes in residential areas and turning them into vacation rentals	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
64	Safety for pedestrians, cyclists	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
65	Subsidized housing for all who need it.	3/23/2023 11:11 AM
66	Traffic mitigation	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
67	Making housing more available	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
68	Too many rentals	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
69	Roadways infrastructure and bridges	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
70	Hurricane evacuation routes, centers.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
71	Substance abuse services	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
72	Rental occupied home repairs	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
73	Building more Apts does not make them affordable	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
74	Employment/ job training	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
75	Family friendly neighborhoods	3/22/2023 8:59 PM
76	Public infrastructure improvements	3/22/2023 7:15 PM
77	youth centers	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
78	Schools improved and updated with good libraries.	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
79	fixing water sewer infustructure	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
80	Home repairs for homeowners	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
81	Homeless housing	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
82	Sidewalks and lights etc in low-income areas	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
83	Roads	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
84	Bridges	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
85	Infrastructure/roads	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
86	Senior Services	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
87	Infastructure inprovement and maintenance.	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
88	Senior centers	3/22/2023 8:44 AM
89	Higher density housing	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
90	Affordable housing for working class	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
91	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
92	Infrastructure	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
93	Affordable housing for ppl w/ disabilities	3/21/2023 8:52 PM

94	Better sidewalks and protected bike lanes	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
95	more senior affordable housing	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
96	Better coordinated social services within the county	3/21/2023 12:05 PM
97	Cap on rent increases	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
98	Affordable housing	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
99	Parks/fields	3/19/2023 3:16 PM
100	Non-Congregate Shelters with more Flexible Criteria	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
101	Road construction/repair	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
102	Affordable rental housing	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
103	Affordable housing for all ages	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
104	Youth services	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
105	roadways	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
106	Ensure roads and infrastructure can handle the traffic and increased population	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
107	mental health services	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
108	Child Care	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
109	public parks and water accessibility	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
110	Water	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
111	Youth centers	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
112	This community does not like 'change'. Disband the new Community Enhancement Dept.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
113	Homeless housing/case mgmt for services	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
114	Road repair and construction	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
115	Affordable housing for working class	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
116	demo blighted areas	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
117	Community clinics	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
118	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
119	New Construction - Senior Housing (Rental)	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
120	Lower density housing	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
121	drugs	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
122	Explore mixed income housing.	3/16/2023 3:52 PM
123	Get the homeless/pan handlers off of the roads and into shelters/work.	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
124	Public Park Improvements	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
125	Low rent housing for Seniors	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
126	expand roads	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
127	Lower prices/affordable housing	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
128	Senior Center bilingual	3/16/2023 10:02 AM
129	Single family homes	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
130	Mental health	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
131	Childcare/after care programs,summer programs	3/9/2023 10:43 PM

132	Mental health services	3/9/2023 7:22 AM
133	mental health	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
134	Preserve our way of life	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
135	Preserve historic sites	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
136	Stop moving projects from county to city for permitting purposes. Many builders are doing this to get their way	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
137	Street lights - not just in the new developments	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
138	Affordable housing	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
139	Senior elderly services	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
140	Fair housing	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
141	Elderly Services	3/6/2023 8:42 AM
142	addressing homeless needs	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
143	Affordable housing	3/6/2023 7:33 AM
144	Water and sewer infrastructure improvements	3/6/2023 6:55 AM
145	Too much senior housing	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
146	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
147	Fair housing	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
148	More mental health services	3/5/2023 8:36 PM
149	Youth services	3/5/2023 7:31 PM
150	Requiring Hospital/Medical To Treat Anyone With Respect	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
151	Affordable housing for low income	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
152	Affordable home insurance	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
153	Homeless shelters	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
154	Homeless and mental health assistance	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
155	Road improvements	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
156	Good streets, sidewalks, lights and parking	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
157	Assistance with home purchase	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
158	Homelessness	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
159	Mental health services	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
160	roads and traffic are horrible	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
161	1	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
162	Health assistance	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
163	more low income housing	2/28/2023 1:37 PM
164	New construction senior rental housing	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
165	Mental Health needs focus, financial issues fester mental health	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
166	job training/placement	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
167	employment training	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
168	Employment training	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
169	Temporary Housing	2/27/2023 12:58 PM

170	rooms for rent not shared room	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
171	shelters	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
172	Senior housing	2/24/2023 12:31 PM
173	Fair Housing	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
174	Support for truly affordable rentals	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
175	Elderly services/Housing	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
176	street lights are badly needed	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
177	Employments	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
178	Roads	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
179	Multi Family units	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
180	More shelters with extended stays for individuals experiencing homelessness. A housing first model.	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
181	employment assistance	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
182	Rent control	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
183	Homeless services	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
184	Increase shelter beds	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
185	Permanent supportive housing	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
186	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
187	Homeless facilities and shelters	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
188	More apartments / rentals	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
189	Senior/elderly services	2/16/2023 9:15 AM
190	Mental Health/Substance Abuse	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
191	New rental housing units	2/15/2023 9:42 AM
192	New Construction - Single-Family Units	2/6/2023 4:33 PM

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1	Senior services	3/29/2023 8:30 AM
2	Permanent housing for homeless and health care.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
3	More rules for these neighborhood rip-off people	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
4	transportation for persons w/ Intellectual disabilities	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
5	Income Adjusted Housing	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
6	Youth activities	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
7	Substance abuse	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
8	Dental Care	3/27/2023 4:42 PM
9	Affordable home insurance	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
10	Road Construction	3/27/2023 3:26 PM
11	Public utilities improvements	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
12	Don't allow building permits unless utilities and roads are addressed first.	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
13	Infrastructure for new housing (roads, traffic management, utilities…)	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
14	Community and economic development	3/27/2023 8:23 AM

15	Youth Services	3/26/2023 11:26 PM
16	Infrastructure before housing developments	3/26/2023 9:19 PM
17	Over priced homes	3/26/2023 7:43 PM
18	Road repair	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
19	Finding a County Administrator that can work with "them."	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
20	Provide better growth management that give working families a safe environment to raise there children.	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
21	Stricter enforcement of environmental protection	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
22	Youth services	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
23	Veterans services	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
24	Substance abuse services	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
25	Historic Preservation	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
26	Regulation of absentee rentals such as VRBO and AirBnB	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
27	Entertainment District(s)	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
28	Homelessness	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
29	Don't loose the charm - We don't want to be another Sarasota	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
30	Drug and/or Mental health assistance for those sleeping on the roadside	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
31	Maintain open space.	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
32	Buy out and revitalize empty abandoned homes and businesses	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
33	Trees	3/24/2023 9:19 PM
34	Drug rehabilitation, job placement and affordable housing	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
35	Fix the water and sewer problems you already created	3/24/2023 8:21 PM
36	Distribution of recreation amenities	3/24/2023 7:48 PM
37	Better sidewalks, & bike lanes for transportation as well as recreation.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
38	Emergency Housing	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
39	Improve traffic	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
40	Road improvements	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
41	Affordable housing	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
42	Infrastructure repair and upgrade	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
43	historic preservation	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
44	Low income housing	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
45	Parks, Centers, Water Access for the Public	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
46	Police protection	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
47	Improve current parks and community services	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
48	Employment Services/ Training	3/24/2023 9:00 AM
49	Bike lanes and wider roads to make it more accesible around Ellenton/Palmetto. Not everybody wants to be driving their cars all the time. More sidewalks please	3/24/2023 8:30 AM
50	Builders of master plan communities should pay for new roads outside their community. IE widen 70 where it's still 2 lane. Lorraine Road where its still 2 lanes!! e	3/24/2023 8:15 AM

51	protect natural resources (water, air, etc)	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
52	Affordable housing	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
53	Assistance to fix run down homes	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
54	Insurance coverage	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
55	Disability services	3/23/2023 7:44 PM
56	Housing repairs	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
57	Community Centers	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
58	Repair roads to last.	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
59	better infrastructure to keep up with building, but stop the damn building	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
60	Safety	3/23/2023 5:04 PM
61	Safe places for homeless and at risk individuals (with places for those same individuals with pets)	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
62	Senior public activity centers in low income areas	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
63	Public transportation.	3/23/2023 11:11 AM
64	Homeless assistance	3/23/2023 10:49 AM
65	Updating facilities	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
66	Too many condos	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
67	Parks and nature to beautify and appreciate our wildlife	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
68	Filling empty storefronts.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
69	Homeless case management	3/23/2023 12:29 AM
70	Mental health services	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
71	repair of roads and management of traffic	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
72	Senior assisted living	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
73	Parks and recreation areas	3/22/2023 8:59 PM
74	Housing for homeless	3/22/2023 7:15 PM
75	road repair/improvement complimenting new housing areas	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
76	Mindfulness when expanding roads for older drivers and tourists.	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
77	health care including family planning education	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
78	Homeless shelter	3/22/2023 1:34 PM
79	Low-med income housing	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
80	Affordable senior housing	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
81	Low cost housing	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
82	Roads	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
83	Affordable housing	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
84	More Youth Services	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
85	Elimination of self enriching politicians grifting from contractors.	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
86	Home improvement for senior homes	3/22/2023 8:44 AM
87	Child care services	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
88	Someway to control the rental pricing so a normal family can rent	3/22/2023 8:14 AM

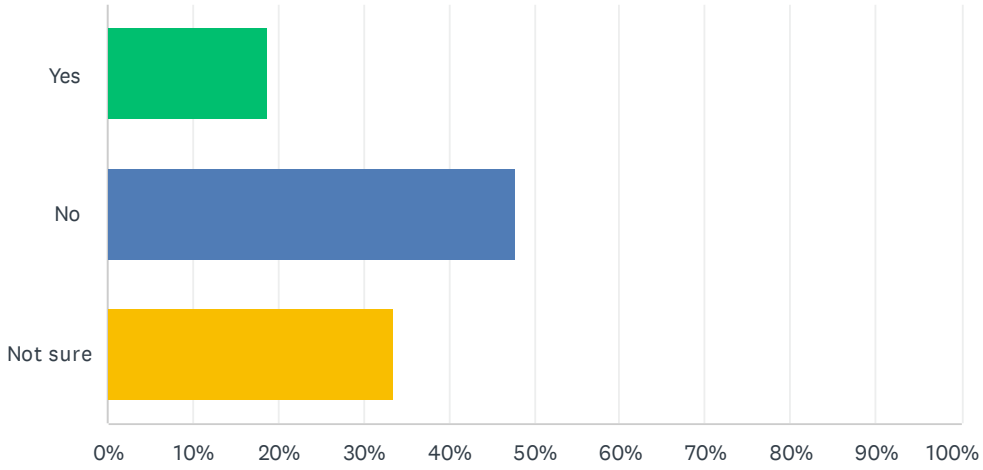
89	Housing assistance	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
90	Homeless services	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
91	Better homes less services	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
92	infrastructure for the future, if you keep building more will come and our little piece of paradise will be no more	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
93	More shelters with devices available	3/21/2023 12:05 PM
94	Cap on rent increases	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
95	Possibly Navigators/Case Managers	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
96	Public utility improvements	3/18/2023 1:01 PM
97	Water, sewer, road improvements	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
98	Mental health	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
99	Current resident safety	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
100	youth programs	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
101	Spend some money on Bradenton beautification.	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
102	senior services	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
103	Mental Health/Substance abuse	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
104	traffic	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
105	Public transportation	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
106	Job training	3/17/2023 9:20 AM
107	Change school starting times 1 hour later, to adapt to coming end of annual clock advance and retardations.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
108	Youth centers w/ tutors & organized activities	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
109	Public utility improvement	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
110	Limit new luxury construction	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
111	senior programs	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
112	Youth activities	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
113	Affordable housing	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
114	Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater)	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
115	finances	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
116	More Green Space, less subdivisions.	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
117	Youth Centers	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
118	Homeless shelters	3/16/2023 1:40 PM
119	expand highways	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
120	Affordable rentals	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
121	Renter occupied housing	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
122	Roads	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
123	Youth/child/recreation centers	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
124	Services for person with disabilities	3/9/2023 7:22 AM
125	service for the disable	3/8/2023 12:22 PM

126	Fix up low income areas	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
127	Preserve parks	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
128	Stop trying to make Manatee county a low income or homeless haven. We don't want it. They wont pay taxes, we do	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
129	Affordable and practical public transportation- No transportation on west side to get to work .	3/6/2023 5:35 PM
130	Help for homeless and mentally ill	3/6/2023 3:07 PM
131	Public utilities improvements	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
132	Road repair and infrastructure	3/6/2023 11:03 AM
133	Transportation	3/6/2023 8:42 AM
134	addressing the needs of children and families	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
135	Roads	3/6/2023 7:33 AM
136	Senior housing development	3/6/2023 6:55 AM
137	Too much construction	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
138	ROADS and INFRASTRUCTURE	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
139	Housing for millenials	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
140	More multi family housing for working people not section 8	3/5/2023 8:36 PM
141	Publix utility improvements	3/5/2023 7:31 PM
142	Improving/Encouraging Communication With Those In Need	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
143	Infrastructure transportation and utilities	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
144	Road	3/5/2023 6:21 PM
145	Mental health services for homeless	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
146	Fair housing/housing	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
147	Services for youth	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
148	Senior facilities and health	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
149	Homeless services	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
150	Healthcare	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
151	Road repair/construction	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
152	too many people	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
153	4	3/1/2023 12:25 PM
154	Daytime community centers	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
155	Assistance with first time home ownership	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
156	Affordable rentals	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
157	continued support of medical and dental services	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
158	health	2/27/2023 2:06 PM
159	Protect the environment	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
160	PSH	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
161	job readiness classes	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
162	persons with disabilities	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
163	Larger shelter for homeless	2/24/2023 12:31 PM

164	Employment Assistance/Job Training	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
165	Critical Home repairs for those unable to afford them	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
166	Public Utility updating/improvements	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
167	homeless shelters are very much needed badly	2/24/2023 11:02 AM
168	Youth Centers	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
169	Parks	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
170	Mental Health	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
171	Affordable and attainable housing for everyone - individuals, families, elderly	2/24/2023 9:39 AM
172	transportation	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
173	Urban sprawl	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
174	Housing	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
175	Affordable housing	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
176	Sidewalk improvements	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
177	Senior elderly services	2/23/2023 10:02 AM
178	More affordable apartments and rentals	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
179	Affordable /attainable housing for families	2/16/2023 9:15 AM
180	Homeless Shelters	2/15/2023 9:53 AM
181	Community centers	2/15/2023 9:42 AM
182	Mental Health Services	2/6/2023 4:33 PM

Q8 Do you feel information pertaining to housing programs and community development services is readily available to you?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.75%	42
No	47.77%	107
Not sure	33.48%	75
TOTAL		224

Q9 What suggestions, if any, do you have for the county to better communicate and work with housing providers or community development initiatives?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 98

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Use all the tools to build public awareness of the need and opportunities.	3/28/2023 4:40 PM
2	Add more reputable contractors.	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
3	work with faith based groups and various disabilities network that have access to the disabilities population	3/27/2023 7:35 PM
4	County Commissioners don't listen to resident's concerns, so I'm not sure it makes a difference how well they communicate THEIR views. I've lived here eight years and have yet to hear a developer's plan was denied!	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
5	Social media	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
6	Just stop building houses! Period, full stop. Have you been on our streets. We can’t even enjoy the Island anymore	3/27/2023 3:51 PM
7	Please pay more attention to community groups like the Parrish Civic Association. Growth is out of control in our area, and there is not infrastructure in place to accommodate it. We need to preserve what little agricultural land we have, and not let the developers gobble it up. We are turning into another Pinellas County.	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
8	plain English plans	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
9	Developers should NOT have a "hand" in the pockets of the Mayor or County Commissioners or Building Permit Department	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
10	The wait list for low income housing is too long. Build more. Crack down on the cheap dumps being rented out. Enforce building codes for rentals. Be more tenant friendly and less landlord strong. New laws. Old ones enforced.	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
11	Na	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
12	You fired an amazing County Administrator to bring on a hand-selected puppet (fail). I think the Commissioners communicate FREQUENTLY with developers. Some think they actually work for them. Communicate how you are working FOR the community.	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
13	Better public notices instead of the - tuck in obscure and no one will show up.	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
14	Many feel that the builders do whatever they want to make a profit without any consideration of the wishes of the citizens.	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
15	I think you need to communicate more directly with the citizens and cutout the middle men.	3/25/2023 11:47 PM
16	Go door-to-door and talk to people or send out letters to everybody and Manatee county something needs to change most of us that are renting in low income apartments. The apartments aren’t being taken care of. And I believe that you guys need to do more to get people into better situation’s.	3/25/2023 10:56 PM
17	Open house- reverse town halls and charrettes	3/25/2023 7:24 PM
18	Involve more realtors, stop depending on the newspaper to provide information, many don't subscribe. Find better marketing strategies to get information to residents.	3/25/2023 3:34 PM
19	Elect commissioners that are not in the employ of developers! They need to represent the people of Manatee County, not their "masters."	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
20	More employees	3/25/2023 9:55 AM

21	Post on social media platforms, billboards, more town hall meetings, mailings, learn to market better.	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
22	Caring for elderly parent and little support exists ...	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
23	Stop cutting deals with developers.	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
24	More marketing on websites and social media in several languages a	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
25	Hit the street. Not everyone has a computer!!	3/24/2023 8:26 PM
26	Better zoning. Make developers build so many units of affordable housing for each unit of luxury housing they build. The people that work in Bradenton should be able to live in Bradenton! Middle income people should not be forced into mega apt complexes or have to drive long commutes while the wealthy get to live in the single family homes.	3/24/2023 7:45 PM
27	It's readily available to me, but I pay attention have internet and a PC, transportation and talk to people. Those who don't have these things are left out.	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
28	Facebook and emails	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
29	To actually listen to the people who live here year round. The county seems more concerned with overdevelopment, leading to horrible traffic, crazy housing prices, overcrowded schools, etc	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
30	Pay attention to residents	3/24/2023 5:15 PM
31	Get the $ out of politics. Have more knowledgeable people working for community services	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
32	Too many agencies all doing similar services. Need to make general community aware of the need and why it is important to everyone, not just disadvantaged	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
33	stop subsidizing "luxury" developments with taxpayer $; use tourist tax on infrastructure improvements	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
34	Stop letting the builders run the BOCC	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
35	Announce on local news, Or paper or Next Door type sites of where to hear or read about community developments.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
36	Make sure that inspection of work done of individual homes are correct. Mass purchases of appliances are appropriate for climate for example heating/ air conditioner units.	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
37	Stop catering to developers	3/24/2023 9:30 AM
38	Find out where people get their information from and post on all social media outlets so more residents are in the know! And please slow down apartment complexes development, no matter how luxurious they claim they will be, we have enough coming in. Let’s preserve the green areas and nature around us	3/24/2023 8:30 AM
39	Put it on Facebook more often like a link to this poll. That's how people communicate about our town	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
40	listen to people rather than developers	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
41	Better communication, multiple methods of communicating	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
42	Make the developers include affordable housing in all of their new communities. There won’t be anyone to work in the schools, shops, restaurants and hospitals if they can’t afford to live there. Plan ahead. Incorporate affordable housing into all new master planned and large communities.	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
43	Don’t cave to the developers on everything they want, with respect to density and location.	3/23/2023 8:21 PM
44	Transparency and monthly publicized on all major social media platforms the commission's finances and budgeting.	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
45	Boots on the ground. Work with community leaders to target those in need.	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
46	Stop developing vacant land and overbuilding vertically. Our roads and water supply cannot support it.	3/23/2023 6:09 PM

47	listen to the people that already live in the areas, we do not need more large houses to attract more people to the state. Save the beautiful land that is left	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
48	Stop building	3/23/2023 5:12 PM
49	Hard copy notices in locations those who need the services most would find them.	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
50	The higher the price of the homes or apartments the more tax they should pay to develop low income areas needs.	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
51	Know who and where they are	3/23/2023 9:50 AM
52	Stop building houses build businesses	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
53	Make people aware of your programs. I work for the county gov and have no idea where to apply for assistance for housing ect. Section 8 has been closed for new applicants for years, to the best of my knowledge	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
54	Listen to all constituents, not just the developers. Change is good, but planned change is best. Don't just build developments because people want to move here, consider what the resources will support.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
55	The last nee build for low income housing took months to complete with people waiting to occupy. Make the process to finish and occupy a priority. We need the units those people left to open up. I want to live near where I work, not an hour away.	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
56	Leave the office and get out on the roads to see what residents deal with at peak traffic time...be smarter about approving every development that comes to you.	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
57	Send letters residents with new construction plans in their area before construction is approved	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
58	it seems that community input is asked for AFTER the contractors have already been granted 'verbal' permission to develop an area	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
59	Do not allow new building before infrastructure is in…and if it can't be done…disallow building.	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
60	I love my affordable senior apartment newly built in palmetto. This brought so many people to this area (myself from Chicago) and the opportunity for myself and this little town is wonderful. It's beautiful here and I'm sure it has given a financial boost to the community. Everything helps.	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
61	use social media. for example most ppl get ebills for MCUCS so the notice that used to be delivered with the paper bills are not received. put that info on the fb of Manatee county. stuff like don't shoot guns straight into the air, e-scrap sites, trash holidays. otherwise the only way to see it is to log in to your bill and look for the separate notices which no one will do.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
62	Simple summaries of meetings or new policies for the public.	3/22/2023 11:40 AM
63	They need to share more of the burden rather than passing on expenses.	3/22/2023 11:17 AM
64	Less sprawl/more in-filling	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
65	Outreach events	3/22/2023 9:34 AM
66	Get greedy politicians out of the mix.	3/22/2023 8:47 AM
67	County officials meet with seniors at their clubhouse	3/22/2023 8:44 AM
68	Use social media- highlight one program or initiative each month	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
69	Mailers and/or commercials	3/22/2023 6:57 AM
70	In person public forums, citizens summits more transparency and access to cc, some reverse townhalls & charrettes	3/21/2023 8:52 PM
71	Hmmm. Maybe a better website	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
72	get out of your offices and off your butts. work with the seniors. go see some of these HUD places they are ran by people who don't care. check out the one on 26th street in Palmetto. Matt is the manager and he doesn't give a crap about those seniors.	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
73	Enact rent restrictions. Should not be allowed to go up hundreds or thousands in 1 year	3/21/2023 9:51 AM

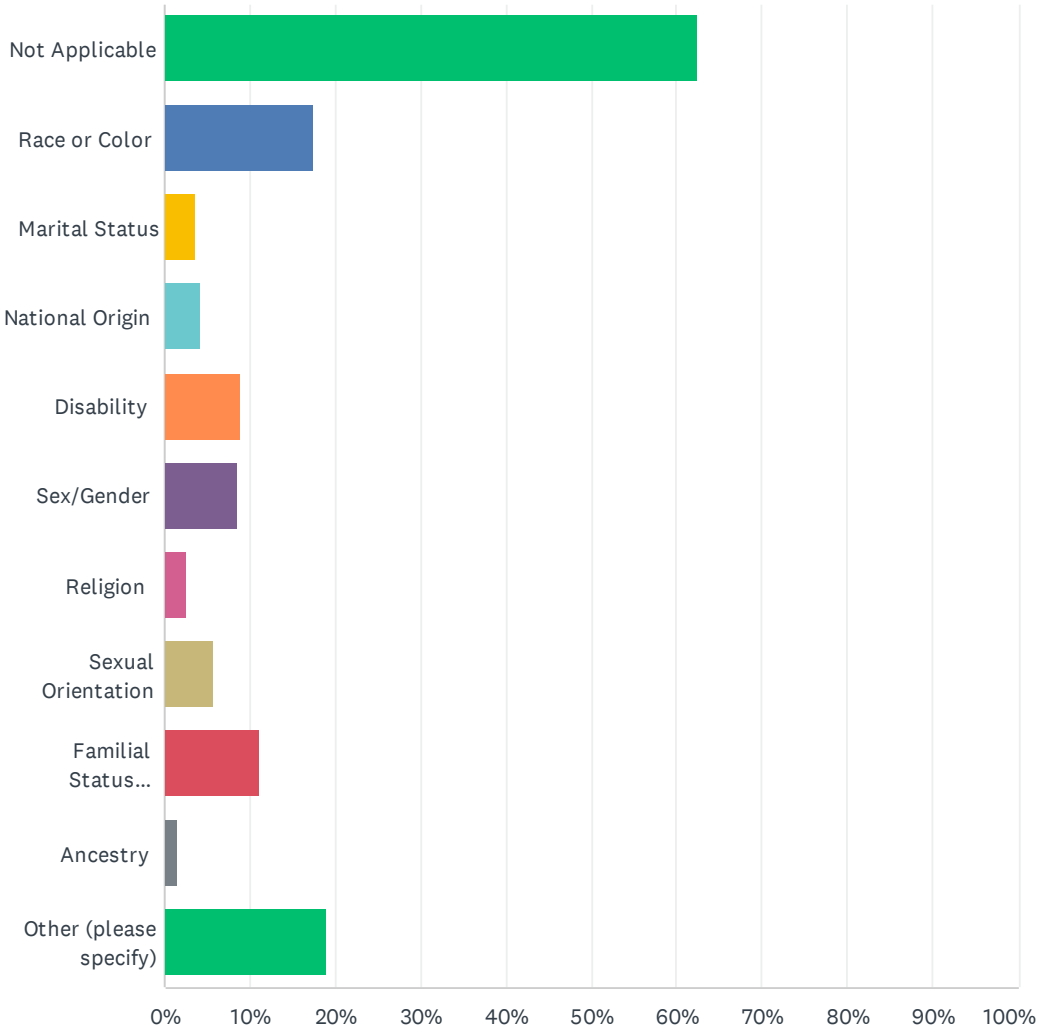
74	Possible website/other vehicle with information about various services and programs in the county.	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
75	Every County Commissioner should have a mandatory town hall addressing this across the entire county. That means ALL Commissioners, the entire Board	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
76	Unsure	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
77	provide funding	3/17/2023 4:23 PM
78	Make known available property for development and restrict use for things like more storage units, fast food places and car washes.	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
79	stop ruminating on culture wars and address the needs of low income families.	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
80	Listen to the people at community meetings and not just have them to check a box and then do whatever it was that you were going to do anyway. Why ask for input from the community if you don't listen to them?	3/17/2023 9:41 AM
81	In a democratic state every person is the equal of every other person up to the point of exertion. Community Development Initiatives lead people to believe that they deserve equal results regardless of their exertion they put into improving their own lives.	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
82	Weekly update of needs vs needs met Accountability to crime statistics Statistical analysis of graduation rates, crime rates, homeless counts& all other community soundness with specific programs identified to counter failing grades	3/17/2023 1:20 AM
83	community focused meetings using churches, YMCA's and other existing facilities	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
84	It's frustrating that builders determine what happens in this recently overpopulated county.	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
85	There needs to be a master plan, which is simple to understand and generally available through multiple sources	3/16/2023 5:39 PM
86	Set term limits for our crappy commissioners.	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
87	Build the infrastructure before throwing subdivisions of 500+ residents in to the community. The roads and utilities can not handle it.	3/16/2023 2:58 PM
88	The county has allowed rent gouging. Want to prevent it tie the property taxes with the rental income generation.	3/16/2023 2:09 PM
89	Fire all current employees who are now in charge of this and hire all new master community planners....since in the past the ones in charged have only made things worse	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
90	Make it affordable, lower deposits.	3/14/2023 12:48 PM
91	Rents for apartments for permanent residents is outrageous	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
92	Include in the email from Bill Logan. Or a monthly or quarterly newsletter via email.	3/9/2023 7:22 AM
93	Talk less, do more!	3/8/2023 12:22 PM
94	Listen to the constituents! Very few actually support the rampant over development.	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
95	Get rid of the developers ruining our county.	3/6/2023 7:41 PM
96	Stop building pop up communities. Not a single new neighborhood should be approved on 64 or 70 west of the interstate. We cant get around as it is.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
97	Give more incentives to developers for charging a livable rent	3/5/2023 9:37 PM
98	Fliers, mailings, outreach	3/5/2023 8:59 PM
99	Stop funding developers and do rent control. Traffic is terrible and only 55+ communities remain affordable.	3/5/2023 8:39 PM
100	Keeping people in their homes, cutting insurance.!	3/5/2023 8:36 PM
101	Treatment/Help/Improved Behavior To Those Who Need It Like They AreYour Own Family & Friends.	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
102	For the commissioners to listen to the residents and find common ground.	3/5/2023 6:55 PM

103	1. That there is more low and middle income housing 2. That more information is provided about current programming 3. That the county not seek to just allow endless development out to put in conditions for mixed income housing	3/5/2023 5:44 PM
104	I think there should be a governing body to oversea all housing, prices, repairs, taxes and so on, with 1 central database for residents to use	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
105	Stop building homes starting in the 300k range. People need starter houses	3/5/2023 5:36 PM
106	N/A	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
107	Not sure.	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
108	fix what we have first before building new stuff	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
109	Get regular and direct feedback from the community at the point of need. Speak to the people themselves.	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
110	Build more affordable housing under $1200.00 in a safe environment.	3/1/2023 8:40 AM
111	Website designated to inform and educate the public about affordable housing in Manatee County. A forum where the public has a voice about there needs.	2/28/2023 1:31 PM
112	Provide incentives that are trade-offs, example pay for their county services for a year trade (water, trash), ASK FOR HELP with outreach, request funds when big companies come into an area and cause traffic distruption and mess during their building process, isn't cheap to community as whole, charge for this, use money for community	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
113	On the street informational sessions	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
114	more affordable housing	2/24/2023 4:47 PM
115	I would say out of sight, out of mind is NOT a policy that works, yet you are currently using.	2/24/2023 4:01 PM
116	Hold quarterly meeting & share new information. meeting can be share on Zoom, or any other media.	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
117	Ask the commission to stop TALKING and start acting in a well-researched way supported by solid data - i.e., not just paying lip service to this urgent need and bowing to big developers	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
118	Lower Rents	2/24/2023 10:52 AM
119	Provide more incentives for developers and home owners for affordable rentals. Provide safeguards for homeowners to rent to those with housing assistance. Remove discriminatory practices at apartment complexes that ban those with Section 8 or other housing assistance.	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
120	identify opportunities to incentivize housing development for households with low and extremely-low income and support for non-profit developers	2/23/2023 6:06 PM
121	Reevaluate what affordable really is. Northerners move here and inflate the median income.	2/23/2023 4:36 PM
122	They are doing the best they can. The housing is just not there.	2/23/2023 2:07 PM
123	Affordable housing with no wait lists.	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
124	Consider creating a funding pool to assist local affordable housing developers apply for 4% tax credit applications through the Florida Housing Finance Corp.	2/23/2023 11:42 AM
125	Meeting with all non profits to organize services to community	2/23/2023 11:04 AM
126	Better communications to all the for profit and nonprofit agencies that you already have relationships with. Such as the children's service agencies should be included in the information sharing regarding housing assistance and mental health services. These agencies are already working to try to assist families with mental health and homeless etc.	2/23/2023 10:52 AM
127	County commissioners arent worried about what important and that's housing and housing programs	2/21/2023 2:11 PM
128	Help with grants/assistance to raise salaries for employees of agencies such as Turning Points & Step Up Suncoast so there will be less turnover and there will be enough people to assist the community	2/16/2023 9:15 AM

129	Manatee County needs to work together instead of in silos. The COC will not lead this, as they only focus on Sarasota County.	2/15/2023 9:53 AM

Q10 If you have experiences or witnessed housing discrimination in Manatee County, on what grounds do you believe you experienced/witnessed this discrimination? (check all that apply).

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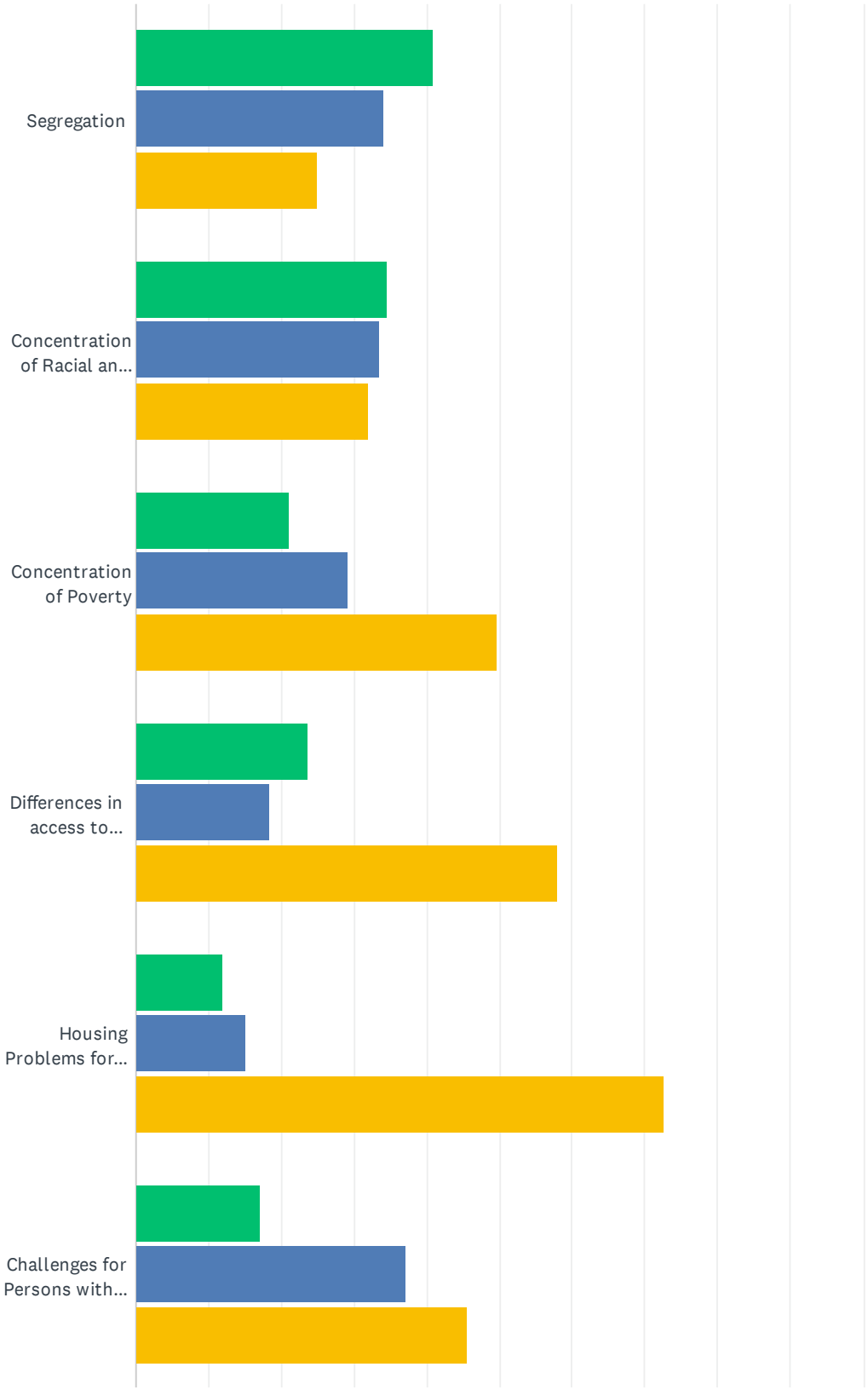
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not Applicable	62.43%	118
Race or Color	17.46%	33
Marital Status	3.70%	7
National Origin	4.23%	8
Disability	8.99%	17
Sex/Gender	8.47%	16
Religion	2.65%	5
Sexual Orientation	5.82%	11
Familial Status (including being pregnant or having children)	11.11%	21
Ancestry	1.59%	3
Other (please specify)	19.05%	36
Total Respondents: 189		

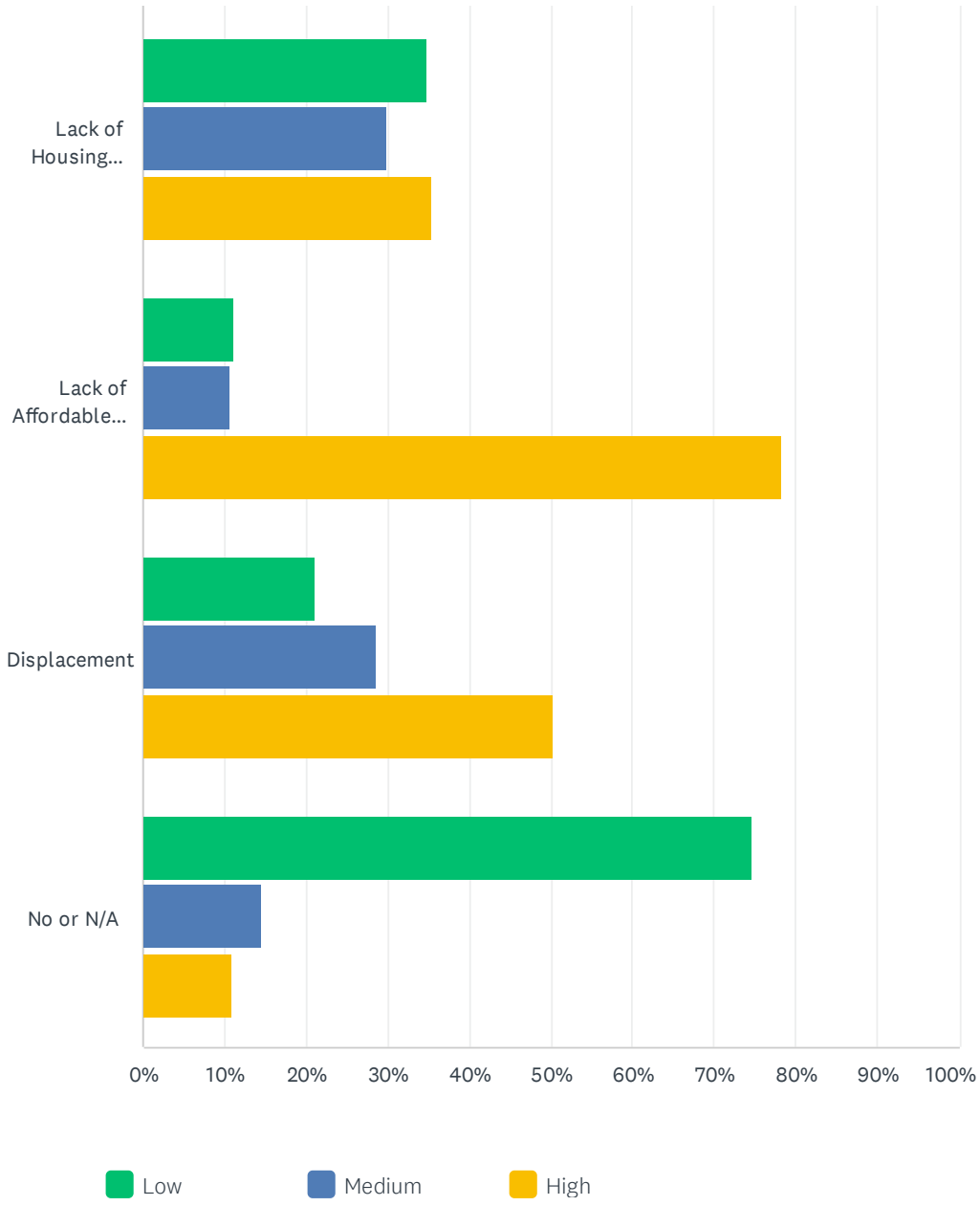
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Income	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
2	Surviving on single income bc you’re single	3/26/2023 6:27 PM
3	I have not witnessed this, but I expect there is housing discrimination in Manatee County	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
4	Economic status	3/25/2023 11:46 AM
5	Cognitive issues do not always need an expensive memory care facility.	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
6	County Commissioners often describe themselves as Christian and Republican. They do not make much, if any attempt to understand the perspectives of others.	3/24/2023 7:04 PM
7	People with pets or service animals	3/24/2023 3:21 PM
8	Past criminal history	3/24/2023 2:13 PM
9	Gender should not be an issue--we're ALL human. Age could be a factor. 55 and older residential living areas is a choice. Property owners have a right to use and preserve their (investment) as they see fit.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
10	county Commissioners feeding at the money trough of developers and contractors	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
11	No	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
12	Not for myself…but easy to see daily…sad and wrong	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
13	financial discrimination. how can anyone come up with even an FHA down payment of 3% when they are paying over $1600 a month in rent? Do the math, what do jobs pay here? Rent, car payment, car repairs, utilities, insurance, property taxes, health care. I have consistently worked 2-3 jobs at a time over 17 years to keep up with basics and have only had health insurance for 3 of those years. I don't drink, smoke, do drugs, take vacations, buy new clothes, or get my nails done, no tattoos or piercings. Haircut once a year, furniture thrifted or hand me downs, no expensive breed pets, my cats were strays that I got fixed. Despite my frugal lifestyle it is still hard to afford living here.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
14	I was homeless with my family (married, 4 children) for 9 months during 2022. Good credit, good income, consistently denied due to family size.	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
15	Youth (including those out of the foster system), some seniors, homeless are paramount condiserations as they are income limited	3/20/2023 8:34 PM

16	Clients who are homeless, have prior evictions, or criminal records have a hard time finding housing (and often employment) from private landlords and employers.	3/18/2023 1:35 PM
17	These are not issues	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
18	Criminal history	3/17/2023 11:25 AM
19	Low income elder apartments/rentals.	3/16/2023 7:18 PM
20	Age	3/16/2023 5:35 PM
21	E	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
22	former evictions	3/16/2023 4:46 PM
23	Our current slate of commissioners are racist, bigoted criminals (Kruse, Baugh, Von). Of course the are the elite that discriminate against anyone that does not see your point of view.	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
24	I have not witnessed housing discrimination. This implies that there has been discrimination (I would rewrite this--why incite people if there isn't an issue). Residents in general have been suffering more and more over the past couple of years due to inflation, tremendous costs for buying and renting homes/apartments and low-paying jobs.	3/16/2023 1:00 PM
25	This is really not even a thing. Stop looking for trouble.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
26	Lakewood ranch gets they want and/or need! Everyone in this county should get the same treatment!! But it doesn’t. Stop the building fix the roads!!!	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
27	The Rich Want To Get Richer. No Giveaways Are Necessary. Subsidize Efforts.	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
28	Age, seniors.	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
29	Income	3/5/2023 5:38 PM
30	I believe the entire concept of 55+ communities are rooted in age discrimination.	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
31	income level	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
32	I think people without green cards are unable to go anywhere for help, there should be safe processes for people to look for help where they are not afraid of being deported.	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
33	I'm not residence of Manatee County, and a short time residence of Florida but have witnessed housing discrimination, not always the fault of the renter. They want their place to be taken care of not be destroyed.	2/24/2023 12:06 PM
34	Having section 8. Not being able to use it at any apartment as a form of payment drastically reduces where I can live and the type of environment that I can live in with my kids.	2/24/2023 9:50 AM
35	Previous eviction over 5 years ago. Resolved but landlords won't consider.	2/23/2023 12:52 PM
36	Single people with no children don't have a lot of safe options	2/21/2023 2:11 PM

Q11 Do you believe that these issues are happening in your community? If so, how much are the issues impacting your community?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 4




Lack of Housing...
Lack of Affordable...
Displacement
No or N/A
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
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100%
Low
Medium
High

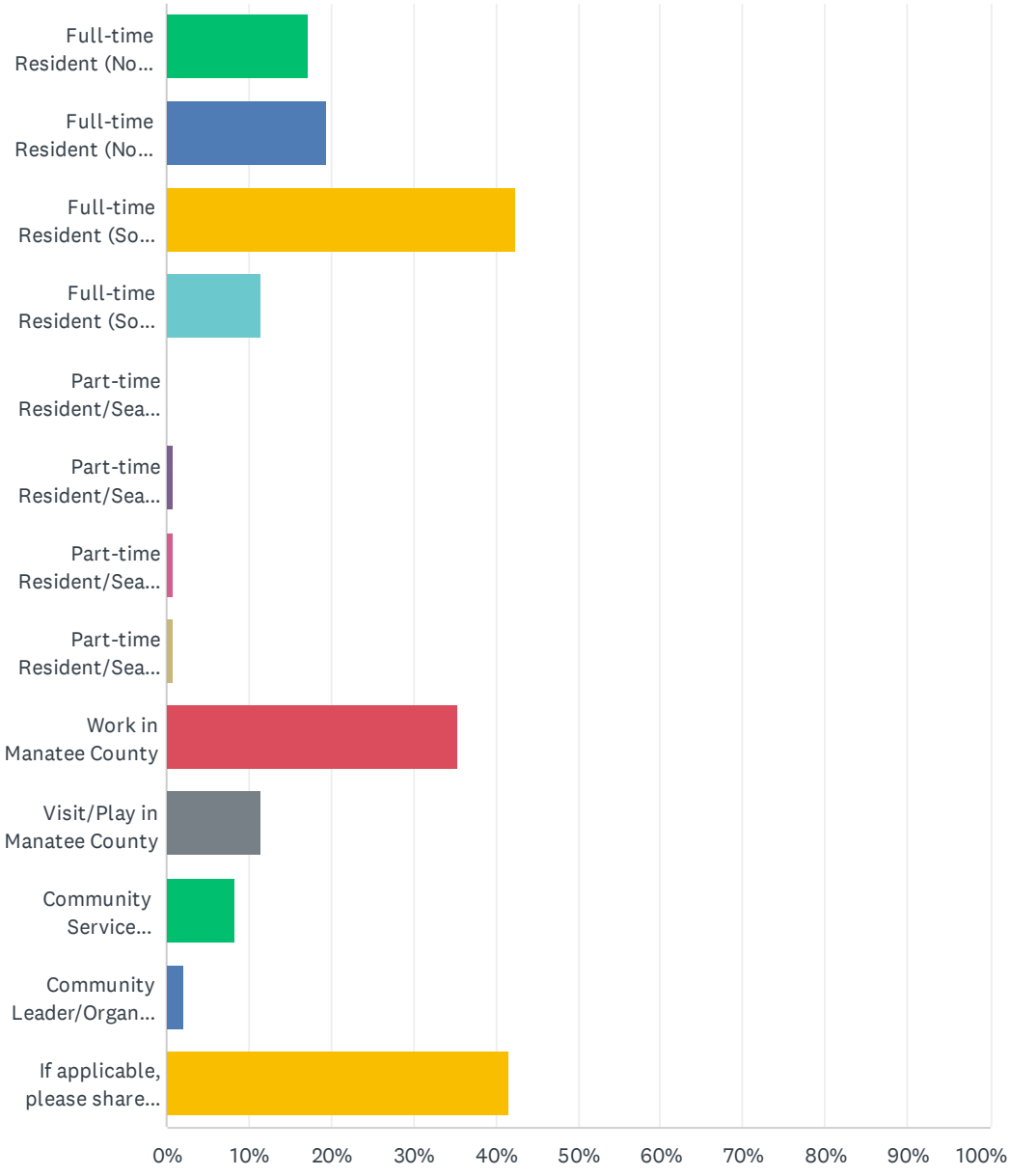
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Segregation	40.98% 84	34.15% 70	24.88% 51	205
Concentration of Racial and Ethnic Minorities	34.48% 70	33.50% 68	32.02% 65	203
Concentration of Poverty	21.05% 44	29.19% 61	49.76% 104	209
Differences in access to housing opportunities for people of various incomes, races, ethnicity, gender, or familial status	23.58% 50	18.40% 39	58.02% 123	212
Housing Problems for Low-Income Populations	11.98% 26	15.21% 33	72.81% 158	217
Challenges for Persons with Disabilities	17.14% 36	37.14% 78	45.71% 96	210
Lack of Housing Discrimination Enforcement	34.83% 70	29.85% 60	35.32% 71	201
Lack of Affordable Single-Family Housing	11.11% 24	10.65% 23	78.24% 169	216
Displacement	21.18% 43	28.57% 58	50.25% 102	203
No or N/A	74.55% 41	14.55% 8	10.91% 6	55

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The Manatee County commission frequently violates the rules regarding items placed on the agenda after the deadline, so citizens do not have time to prepare and attend the meetings.	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
2	The question above about different access to housing - of course income level is a factor. The way the question is phrased implies it shouldn't. That is just absurd	3/25/2023 7:31 AM
3	Concentration of new builds west of I75 and over 55+.	3/24/2023 10:43 PM
4	My neighborhood is very integrated.	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
5	No or N/A....what exactly is the topic or question. Did anyone PROOF this survey?????	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
6	Because of high cost of housing, we see groups-- be them unrelated Or related families-- renting one home. People are bunking up together. That should not be an excuse to NOT keep up the property.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
7	This county is focused on new wealthy people moving in and I get that. But we need to do something about the ghetto that exists between west Bradenton and east of 301. It's where 99% of crime happens and it's disgusting. Slumlords need to be held responsible for their properties and tenants. Drug abuse is rampant in these areas and they sell to teens who suddenly have been missing in our town. Teens are our future and I'm disgusted by the lack of mental health screening and help. There is 1 place MCR health services that actually has a psychiatrist for low income people. And it's a great facility. We need one for every 50,000 people approximately. We can help homeless people get back in the work force by getting them the mental help they need. I'm an expert at that, due to the fact that I have helped a homeless person get reunited with his family and get a job. I would be very willing to volunteer my time to give input regarding what the needs are of those struggling with Bipolar disorder, depression and anxiety and drug abuse due to these conditions. I am well versed in these issues	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
8	New Housing is no longer affordable, geared to retirees and seasonal residents.	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
9	Homes that could be purchased by someone who wants to live full time in the home are being bought up by out-of-area wealthy individuals, corporations, and foreign businesses for the	3/23/2023 3:06 PM

	purpose of vacation rentals (daily, weekly durations/yearly rental is not a problem). Individuals and families can't compete.	
10	We tend to focus on high-end homes with no consideration for housing for the workers who will support these residents.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
11	Too many houses, high density population, we are getting the feel of big city in a small place	3/22/2023 9:00 PM
12	More interested in affordable condos, mobile home parks, and rentals being built.	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
13	many people are displaced. everything is being built for tourists and retirees. where are the working ppl who serve everyone else supposed to go? how can they get to work on sundays? lots of stray animals running around breeding and animal neglect. humane society and manatee animal services need to do out reach. many folks in neighborhoods do not have a concept of animal welfare. get petland out of manatee county, they support breeding mills and breeds are expensive. Rescues are the way to go, get the strays into loving homes.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
14	discrimination please. the only ones who are discriminated against are seniors.	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
15	Cap on rent increases	3/21/2023 9:58 AM
16	Concentration of racial or ethnic "minorities" is by choice and not anything to do with housing	3/17/2023 4:46 PM
17	Why are you asking these questions? This could not be more opposite of our current actions. The county hates our commissioners (well except the developers) however, we’re stuck with what we have for the moment	3/16/2023 3:37 PM
18	We don’t want a low income county. Stop it.	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
19	This county is pricing the locals out of the market. Kids will go to college am I promise will not be able to afford to return to live in this expensive town!!	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
20	Take One Step At A Time & Encourage Volunteer Opportunities For All.	3/5/2023 7:16 PM
21	Wis something can be done about property taxes. Way too high especially for seniors on a fixed income	3/5/2023 5:56 PM
22	There is no path for people that get evited. where are they supposed to go when they are kicked out?	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
23	Manatee County only has one emergency shelter. Housing programs are bursting at the seams.alot of people have no choice but to live in their cars. Alot of people are being priced out of their communities	2/21/2023 2:11 PM

Q12 What is your relationship to Manatee County? (choose all that apply).

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time Resident (North of River & West of I-75 Resident)	17.26%	39
Full-time Resident (North of River & East of I-75 Resident)	19.47%	44
Full-time Resident (South of River & West of I-75 Resident)	42.48%	96
Full-time Resident (South of River & East of I-75 Resident)	11.50%	26
Part-time Resident/Seasonal (North of River & West of I-75 Resident)	0.00%	0
Part-time Resident/Seasonal (North of River & East of I-75 Resident)	0.88%	2
Part-time Resident/Seasonal (South of River & West of I-75 Resident)	0.88%	2
Part-time Resident/Seasonal (South of River & East of I-75 Resident)	0.88%	2
Work in Manatee County	35.40%	80
Visit/Play in Manatee County	11.50%	26
Community Service Provider	8.41%	19
Community Leader/Organizer	2.21%	5
If applicable, please share with us your area/neighborhood in Manatee County	41.59%	94
Total Respondents: 226		

#	IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE SHARE WITH US YOUR AREA/NEIGHBORHOOD IN MANATEE COUNTY	DATE
1	Retired educator	3/27/2023 9:06 PM
2	Braden Castle Park	3/27/2023 7:15 PM
3	Bradenton village	3/27/2023 6:37 PM
4	River Wilderness	3/27/2023 2:45 PM
5	Shadow Brook	3/27/2023 11:46 AM
6	Village Green	3/27/2023 11:10 AM
7	Near Blake Hospital	3/27/2023 9:03 AM
8	Lakewood Ranch full-time resident.	3/26/2023 12:04 PM
9	34209	3/26/2023 11:28 AM
10	Holiday Heights	3/26/2023 10:58 AM
11	34208	3/26/2023 5:58 AM
12	Rivers Ridge.. The Manatee County Commission seems to be beholden to developers and doesn't respond to citizens concerns regarding development, even violating the borders of development previously agreed to and diminishing the agricultural areas.	3/25/2023 6:44 PM
13	I live in West Central Bradenton and own a small business on 14th street near VOTA.	3/25/2023 9:55 AM
14	Palmetto/Ellenton area	3/25/2023 8:11 AM
15	Northwest Bradenton	3/25/2023 7:52 AM
16	Shaw's point	3/25/2023 7:08 AM
17	Garden Lakes 55+ community 34203	3/25/2023 7:05 AM
18	West Bradenton	3/24/2023 10:43 PM

19	Harrison Ranch	3/24/2023 6:44 PM
20	Live in Parrish, work in Bradenton	3/24/2023 5:51 PM
21	34209 zip	3/24/2023 4:49 PM
22	ami	3/24/2023 3:15 PM
23	Up until recently, I have always been involved in trying to help improve my community, Bayshore Gardens and County progress. State issues are also of interest.	3/24/2023 11:41 AM
24	Harrison Ranch	3/24/2023 9:32 AM
25	Ellenton (Willow Walk, Silverstone)	3/24/2023 8:30 AM
26	Briarwood subdivision 33rd and 70 Weazzer6055@aol.com I can help answer our towns needs	3/24/2023 8:15 AM
27	Waterbury/Grapefruit	3/24/2023 7:00 AM
28	Parrish, FL Lexington	3/23/2023 10:58 PM
29	34209	3/23/2023 9:35 PM
30	Aldrich Park	3/23/2023 7:53 PM
31	Palmetto	3/23/2023 7:35 PM
32	Palma Sola	3/23/2023 6:46 PM
33	Ellwood Park	3/23/2023 6:09 PM
34	Shadow brook Mobile Home park. Stop the build on Ellenton Gillette Road 36th Ave E. and 60th Ave E	3/23/2023 5:43 PM
35	Homeowner/fulltime occupier.	3/23/2023 3:06 PM
36	District 2 Samoset	3/23/2023 11:25 AM
37	Fogartyville	3/23/2023 11:11 AM
38	Too many houses apartments and condos	3/23/2023 8:40 AM
39	Wares Creek	3/23/2023 6:05 AM
40	Village Green - traffic is horrendous. It used to be bad in season, or on weekends. Now it is always bad. We don’t even try to get to the island anymore. But it can take 45 minutes to get to Palmetto.	3/23/2023 3:49 AM
41	Downtown near Ballard Elementary	3/22/2023 11:15 PM
42	Riverdale	3/22/2023 10:49 PM
43	Perico island	3/22/2023 7:15 PM
44	Heather Glen	3/22/2023 6:47 PM
45	Sugar Creek Country Club and Villas	3/22/2023 5:57 PM
46	Palmetto senior apartment-Reef at Riviera	3/22/2023 5:17 PM
47	do you mean south of manatee river? and how would tourist and snowbird know what that is? manatee county is poised for a positive change, lakewood ranch and sarasota are growing residents will be looking here for housing and businesses. This is the opportunity we have been waiting for! Get it together! No one wants to move to an area with restrooms that don't work, semi trucks parked at the abandoned mall, homeless loitering with their carts, stray animals tearing into garbage, and junk piled up in yards. And maybe residential landscaping classes the county extension office used to offer classes. No pint in offering all these things if residents are not aware of them, post fb and nextdoor. A little improvement will have a big payoff.	3/22/2023 1:43 PM
48	Resident since 1971	3/22/2023 12:06 PM
49	Anna Maria Island where “regular” people can’t live anymore. I couldn’t live in my home on my county salary if I didn’t have help from my parents.	3/22/2023 11:40 AM

50	Ellenton	3/22/2023 11:34 AM
51	Memphis	3/22/2023 10:56 AM
52	West Bradenton	3/22/2023 8:15 AM
53	Oneco	3/22/2023 8:14 AM
54	Manatee county native, 34205/34209 zip code	3/21/2023 10:15 PM
55	Near IMG and SCF	3/21/2023 6:21 PM
56	parrish	3/21/2023 3:34 PM
57	Live in Bayshore Gardens (moved from El Con to single family housing to be in a blue collar neighborhood) least expensive single family neighborhood.	3/20/2023 8:34 PM
58	Espanade	3/18/2023 9:20 PM
59	AMI	3/17/2023 8:57 PM
60	Born and raised and living in my car in Manatee County after losing our house after owner sold it and kicked us out	3/17/2023 7:22 PM
61	San Remo Shores	3/17/2023 4:03 PM
62	downtown	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
63	Braden River 34203	3/17/2023 4:27 AM
64	Parrish	3/16/2023 10:45 PM
65	Northwest	3/16/2023 10:43 PM
66	Former HUD employee - DC Area	3/16/2023 10:30 PM
67	River Plantation	3/16/2023 9:58 PM
68	Over 55 community, with no known liaisons if you fall between th cracks(health benefits, affordable housing opportunities in low crime areas)	3/16/2023 7:18 PM
69	Parrish	3/16/2023 6:20 PM
70	Bayshore Gardens	3/16/2023 5:35 PM
71	Palm Aire	3/16/2023 5:11 PM
72	55 over retirement community	3/16/2023 1:39 PM
73	Heritage Harbor	3/12/2023 4:07 PM
74	North River Ranch, Parrish, FL	3/9/2023 10:43 PM
75	Parrish	3/6/2023 8:50 PM
76	Magnolia Manor. What our county is allowing to happen in Magnolia Manor is awful. Shameful. We already have homeless people walking around our neighborhood. Now we will have thousands more living on one small part of our neighborhood. After we elected county commissioners that promised they wouldn't let this happen. Now this survey?!	3/6/2023 5:41 PM
77	Palmetto Point	3/6/2023 12:51 PM
78	COB	3/6/2023 8:11 AM
79	Lakewood Ranch Central Park	3/6/2023 6:55 AM
80	Lived in manatee county my hole life in palmetto, I am a dying Breed because nobody is from here anymore…	3/5/2023 10:17 PM
81	NW Bradenton	3/5/2023 6:55 PM
82	Palmetto	3/5/2023 6:19 PM
83	Sabal harbor	3/5/2023 5:56 PM

84	Oneco	3/5/2023 5:55 PM
85	Lakewood Ranch	3/5/2023 5:22 PM
86	Northwest Bradenton	3/3/2023 12:44 PM
87	34205	3/1/2023 12:02 PM
88	301 & 51st ave	3/1/2023 8:40 AM
89	Parrish	2/28/2023 12:49 PM
90	17th street west	2/27/2023 8:33 PM
91	Perico Island	2/27/2023 12:58 PM
92	Bayshore Gardens	2/24/2023 11:17 AM
93	Parrish, Fl	2/24/2023 10:42 AM
94	Had to move to Hillsborough us I couldn’t afford to live where I work.	2/23/2023 4:36 PM

Community Conversation Work Session Notes

Date: February 9, 2023

Time: 10:45am – 12:15pm

Location: Goodwill Corporate Office

Purpose: Small group working sessions focused on identifying barriers to client services and opportunities to tackle such barriers. During the session, participates had the opportunity to identify gaps in services throughout the county as well as propose solutions and create opportunities for collaboration. Below are the three prompts given along with their collective subsequent responses.

Gaps: What gaps in services do you notice in Manatee County when serving homeless clients?

- Uniting Providers and sharing information – For example: churches, small agencies, probation/ parole offices
- Services for ALICE families (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
- Food – The food distribution is not spread out. Food distribution is not kept track of. The clients also don't have the ability to choose food they can use or like, leading to discarded foods
- Emergency shelter with/for animals
- Dental service/ Eye Care
- Shelters for: Fathers and kids, mothers and kids, pregnant mothers, individuals with disabilities, people with medical needs (discharged from hospital)
- Community Calendar – Used to keep track of "Food Distribution" and other services provided to the community that everyone has access to and could benefit from
- Options for single people
- Child care – kids with disabilities, specifically
- Affordable housing for second chance individuals (formerly incarcerated felons/ evictions)
- Shelter space – not enough units to accommodate for specific populations with unique needs
- Locker/storage
- Landlords willing to partner with organizations – Lack of empathy/ Interest
- Services provided outside Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm
- Substance abuse / mental health (Sober living)
- Services for undocumented individual
- Accurate Data and Information from Agencies and services in the community
- Advocacy at all levels of Government – A disconnect between the community and the services provided

Duplications: What duplications in services do you see in the county?

- Several groups mentioned food distribution efforts being duplicated around Manatee County that includes times, and destinations. Many agencies have this service to the point that, at times, food is being wasted.
- Clothing/Hygiene give-away bags
- Having all services from 9am – 5pm is a duplication. There are few services that are provided after hours, weekends or holidays for families, specifically
- Database tool – duplication of assistance via multiple information systems used across the county. For Example: Crosswalk, 211, CSIS, Unite us, HIE

- Same paperwork needed for all applications, causing a backlog of paperwork and wasted time
- Meetings – Many small groups discussing the same information and data and working towards the same goal but working twice as hard separately and not joined in together as a community
- Handouts – Each have different information and should coordinate with one another
- Resources Guides

Message: Groups were brought together to discuss key messaging that the group would like to bring forth to elected officials.

- A direct message from one of the groups; "Forget everything that you think you know about homelessness. Let me tell you what it really is. Homelessness is not a lifestyle. It is not intentional. It is not a choice. It is not a single issue. It is the situation that they are in. It is a crisis and a moment in time and the community's help is needed. Youth did not choose to be in the foster system. Families are less than one paycheck away from homelessness. The cost of living has increased too far ahead of them. Men and women suffering from past trauma and abuse did not choose that for themselves. The Elderly who retired after working for 40-50 years and paid into their social security, cannot live off what they receive each month. This is why we need your help to improve the lives of those in our community. It starts with all of us. WE ARE IN IT... ARE YOU?"
  (Would supply #'s when sharing information)
- Think of our communities housing needs as a chain that includes emergency shelter, family shelters, transitional housing, long term housing and permanent supportive housing. When one of those links in the chain is missing, people fail.
- Other examples include – Resources/Funding, Diversity of private and public partnerships, slow reactions, acknowledge issues "Out of sight Out of Mind is Not a Solution", and be accountable to people, not funders.

Community Conversation Notes

Date: February 9, 2023

Aspirations for our clients

Independent Living
Shedding the homeless identity and assimilating into society
Quality Medical care for everyone
Independence
Sustainability
Childcare
Stability
Affordable Housing
Pet care
Consistent income
Dental care
Transformation
Medication assistant treatment
Safe place to recover from medical care/surgeries
Skills education
Financial stability
Life skills
Skills taught in high school so that they don't enter adulthood without tools.
Freedom from emotional and physical barriers
Remove stigma to mental health
Making informed decisions
Better information for agencies – agencies don't know what services are available in our community, let alone people who need them.

What are some of the barriers we are seeing?
Don't have budget education- make bad money decisions.
Mental health
Affordable housing
Substance abuse
Understanding resources (client)- Agencies don't go into schools so kids don't know what is available to them. Accessibility to the resources/information
Understanding (elected officials/community members)
Transportation
Aging out of foster care
Stigma around homelessness
Landlords can be difficult
Legal status

Barriers funders place on client applications – original birth certificate, required documents. Funders set the criteria.
Criteria landlords are setting is a barrier for housing – Must make 3x the rent in monthly income.
Access and understanding of technology- while technology (online applications are often good for agencies, it's a barrier for the clients).
Homelessness isn't one size fits all
No permanent supportive housing in the community
Broken relationships- repairing and healing
Trauma and the lasting effects.
The length it takes to get through the process- people lose hope.
Leaders to advocate for change.
Level of education – can't read, no computer experience, don't have the ability to advocate for themselves.
Language barriers- how can they fill out the paperwork?
Childcare – how can you work if you don't have someone to watch your child?
Lack of housing first model and the needed wrap around services.
Social capital – it's about who you know and who knows you.
Maintaining property- storage units are considered a luxury but it's so important to clients
Don't have the needed services for individuals with special needs
Untreated Chronic illnesses- mental and physical
Lack of affordable housing – have the voucher but no available units.
Not in our back yard mentality

What are the solutions to these things?
More Affordable Housing Units
Government support – local, state, federal etc.
Funding
Partnership with each other, with businesses, with government, and community.
Community has to work together. Homelessness is a community issue. It's not up to the just the nonprofits to create solutions.
Collaboration
Rezoning
Expedited funding
Tapping into tourism funds
Conversation sabout where people go – when they mow down a trailor park for a new development, they should have to pay to rehome those people or at least assist them.

What is affordable housing? – if someone is working minimum wage they should be able to afford an efficiency or 1 bedroom. $400/month. Elderly get $900 a month total. How can they live if it's more than $400 a month?
-A state mandate saying that to help the homeless, every apartment complex has to put a percentage of affordable units in EVERY apartment building.
-Create some type of rent control.
-Ease up on restrictions on housing

-Elected officials need a better understanding of the situation from the client and agency perspective.
-CEOs need to speak to the elected officials weekly. They are elected officials, and we don't have money, so we aren't heard. They hear the developers but not us. We need to be speaking to the community more. If the community starts shouting then the officials are forced to pay attention.
-All the PATH meeting agencies should show up at a commissioner meeting
-Town Hall meetings – educate the community.
-Create influence
-Social Media Manager
-Celebrity advocates
-Reciprocal benefit with the ones who have the money – You provide 1% of affordable housing and we can… How can we take out the middle man?
-More properties
-Need to show the community how valuable homeless services are.
-Power in unity. What are the commonalities in how we solve this together?
-Educate our community – people don't see the 80% who are hidden homeless. People don't see the homeless families, homeless kids and those who are working to change the situation.
-PR campaign – people don't even know there are homeless **families.** This is the true face of homelessness in OUR community.
-Collaboration
-Coordination of effort- There is more power in more voices. T-shirt we all wear and go to a commissioner meeting.
-Social media/PR manager for the agencies serving the at-risk community. Build empathy in the community.
Must have an advocate at every meeting in order to be heard. Speak to future agenda items every meeting.
Educating youth and building empathy.
We need the homeless to advocate for themselves – speak in front of the community and elected officials themselves.

What will hold us back?
Silos
Duplication of services
Politics
Lack of funding
Silence
Our city officials not truly understanding what is going on in their community. They follow those who cheer for them but those aren't the people who need the help. Come and speak regularly at the commissioners meeting.
Important that the agencies are speaking about it every day out in the community.
Fear to speak alone– maybe we can be in teams - Team A go to this meeting, Team B write letter, Team C -make phone calls.
Not coordinated in our effort
Lack of communication with each other - We need a better tool to work together.

If we don't commit – We all have strengths but are we willing to work together and put our money where our mouth is. Explore our access, explore our strengths for this cause, outside our agencies.
Selfishness- Crab-like mentality. We are looking out for ourselves.
If we (community) don't have empathy – especially if our young people don't have empathy.

What groups and individuals do you trust to take action on our behalf?

- Each Other
- Team advocacy
- Help to Home- privately funded
- MCF

If we came back together in 6 months what would show us things are happening?

-Advocacy teams assembled
-Goals
-People would know one another better- agency providers
-Buzz would be created in the community
-Be organized and executed on some of the solutions
-Groups mobilized and going to the commissioner meetings

Who is missing?

Business owners
Landlords
Elected officials
Clients
Health organizations
Faith Leaders/ STREAM
League of Women Voters
Early Learning Coalition
Media
Educators - Guidance Counselors- Schools
Project Heart Liasons
Dept. of Corrections
Juvenile Justice
Half-way owners
Immigration

Continuum of Care General Members Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom
Jon Thaxton, CoC Leadership Council Chair
Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer Suncoast Partnership

I. Welcome

II. Introductions

- Please fill out the digital sign-in sheet

III. Approval of December 14, 2022 minutes

IV. Agency Spotlight

Jewish Family and Chidlren's Services of the Suncoast – Eddie Collins, Chief of Client Services

V. Resource Spotlight

Community Foundation of Sarasota County – Angelica Hull, Director of Community Impact

VI. Priority Needs for HUD 5- Year Consolidated Plan

Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department:
Julia Vieira, Community Development Project Manager

VII. Suncoast Housing Collaborative Update – Lauren Bowen, Project Manager of Housing

VIII. Coordinated Entry Review Update – Cheryl Clunk, Project Manger of Coordinated Entry

IX. Funding Updates – All Present

X. General Announcements and Public Comments

XI. Adjourn

Go to suncoastpartnership.org for meeting schedules

Agenda is subject to change without prior notice

From: Julia Vieira <julia.vieira@mymanatee.org>
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Subject: Thank you - Grant Application Workshop Manatee County FY 2023/2024 HUD funds
Attachments: Manatee County FY23-24 Grant Application Instructions and Scoring.pdf; Neighborly Subrecipient User Guide - Manatee County.pdf; FY23-24 Grant Application Workshop presentation.pdf; Consolidated Plan Community Survey Flyer.pdf

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Manatee County FY2023/24 Annual Action Plan
Grant Application Workshop

We would like to thank everyone that was able to attend our Consolidated Plan Public Hearing & Grant Application Workshop this morning. We had a great turnout and look forward to seeing the types of projects this application round will bring to Manatee County.

The application will run from **March 1 through March 31, 2023 at 4:00pm**. You may access the application portal through our webpage:
https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/neighborhood_services/community_development

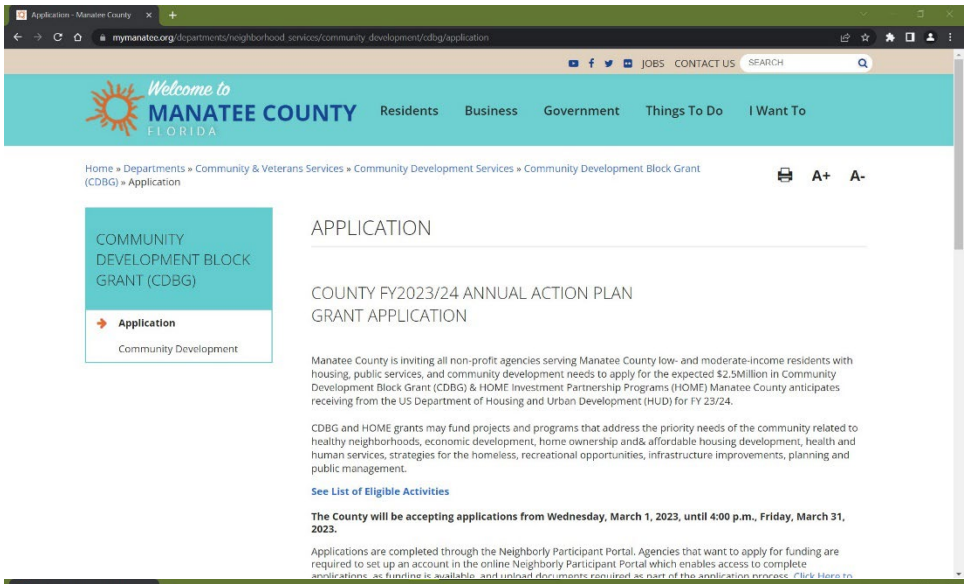
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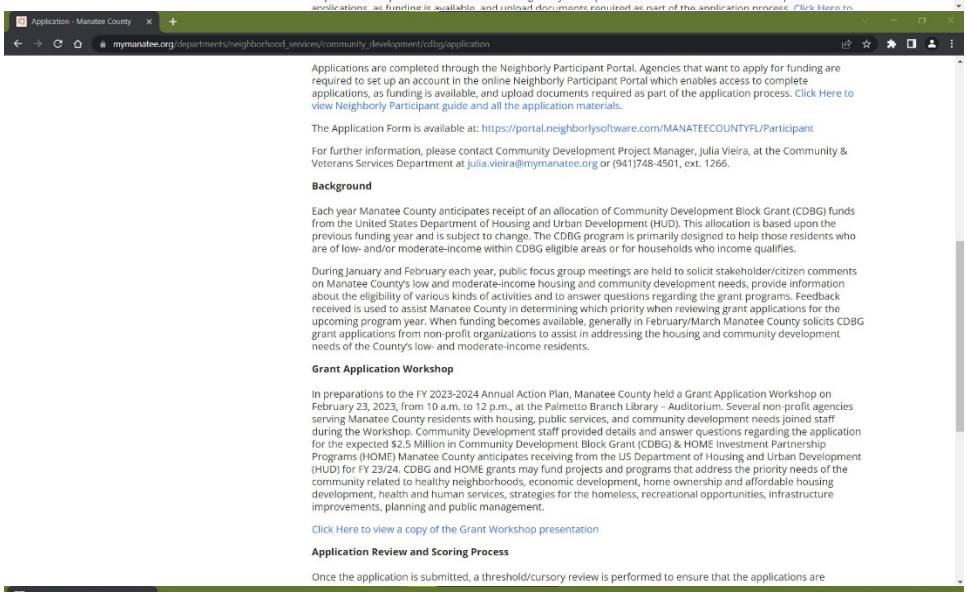
We would also like your help in spreading the word about our Community Survey to inform the priority needs of our community in allocating Manatee's HUD entitlement funding. Please distribute our flyer to your contact list, and fill out our survey by accessing: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManateeConPlan

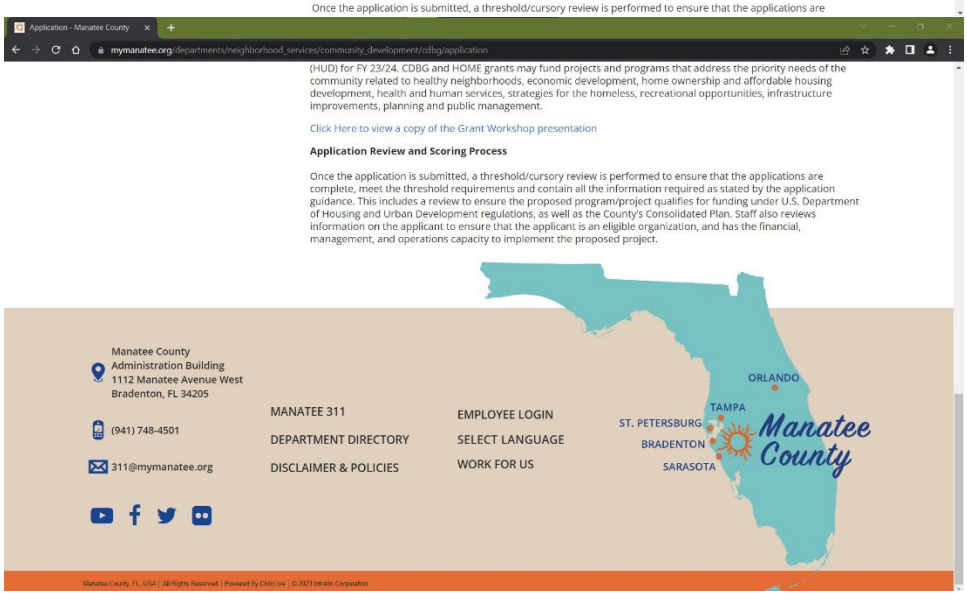
Please, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
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COUNTY FY2023/24 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN GRANT APPLICATION
Manatee County is inviting all non-profit agencies serving Manatee County low- and moderate-income residents with housing, public services, and community development needs to apply for the expected $2.5Million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnership Programs (HOME) Manatee County anticipates receiving from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 23/24.
CDBG and HOME grants may fund projects and programs that address the priority needs of the community related to healthy neighborhoods, economic development, home ownership and& affordable housing development, health and human services, strategies for the homeless, recreational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, planning and public management.
See List of Eligible Activities
The County will be accepting applications from Wednesday, March 1, 2023, until 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023.
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For further information, please contact Community Development Project Manager, Julia Vieira, at the Community & Veterans Services Department at julia.vieira@mymanatee.org or (941)748-4501, ext. 1266.
Background
Each year Manatee County anticipates receipt of an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This allocation is based upon the previous funding year and is subject to change. The CDBG program is primarily designed to help those residents who are of low- and/or moderate-income within CDBG eligible areas or for households who income qualifies.
During January and February each year, public focus group meetings are held to solicit stakeholder/citizen comments on Manatee County's low and moderate-income housing and community development needs, provide information about the eligibility of various kinds of activities and to answer questions regarding the grant programs. Feedback received is used to assist Manatee County in determining which priority when reviewing grant applications for the upcoming program year. When funding becomes available, generally in February/March Manatee County solicits CDBG grant applications from non-profit organizations to assist in addressing the housing and community development needs of the County's low- and moderate-income residents.
Grant Application Workshop
In preparations to the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, Manatee County held a Grant Application Workshop on February 23, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Palmetto Branch Library - Auditorium. Several non-profit agencies serving Manatee County residents with housing, public services, and community development needs joined staff during the Workshop. Community Development staff provided details and answer questions regarding the application for the expected $2.5 Million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnership Programs (HOME) Manatee County anticipates receiving from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 23/24. CDBG and HOME grants may fund projects and programs that address the priority needs of the community related to healthy neighborhoods, economic development, home ownership and affordable housing development, health and human services, strategies for the homeless, recreational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, planning and public management.
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2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing & FY 23/24 Grant Workshop

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2023-2027 5-Year Consolidated Plan

- Provides a blueprint for decisions on how to allocate federal funds over a five-year period (2023-2027).



- Funding sources that are covered in the plan are:
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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Programs

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:**
  - Housing Programs
  - Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
  - Public/Social Service Projects
- PY 2023/2024 – Est. $1.8 Million in CDBG funding is anticipated
- Funds are subject to a 15% Public Service Cap (approximately $270,000) and 20% Administration Cap ($360,000)

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Programs

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  - Housing Construction, Rehabilitation, or Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
  - CHDO Acquisition Rehabilitation/Construction
  - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
  - Homeowner Assistance
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Programs

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program:**
  - Street Outreach
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Homelessness Prevention
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- PY 2023/2024 – Est. $160,000 in ESG funding is anticipated. Membership at the Suncoast Partners Continuum of Care is required.

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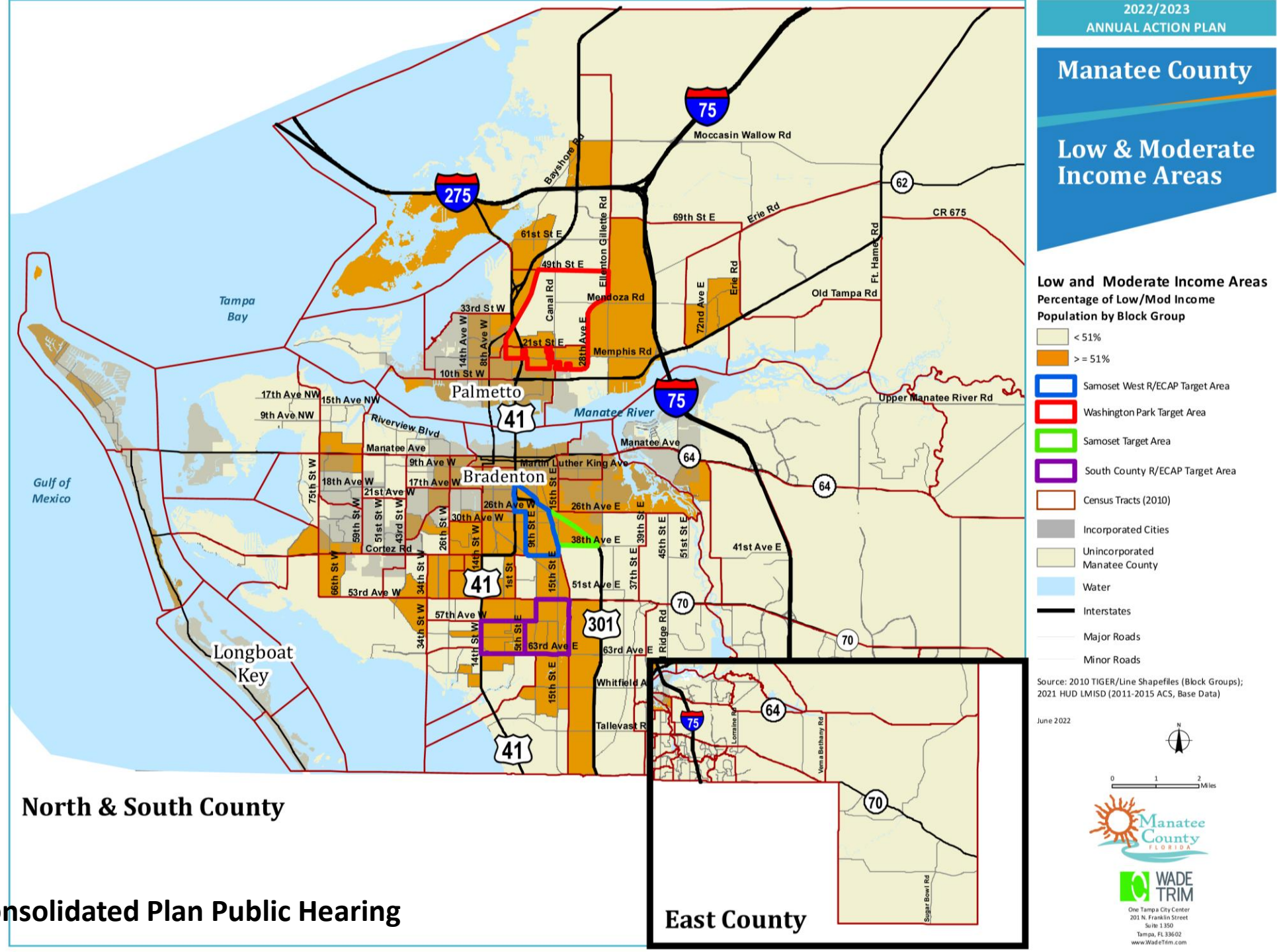
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2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

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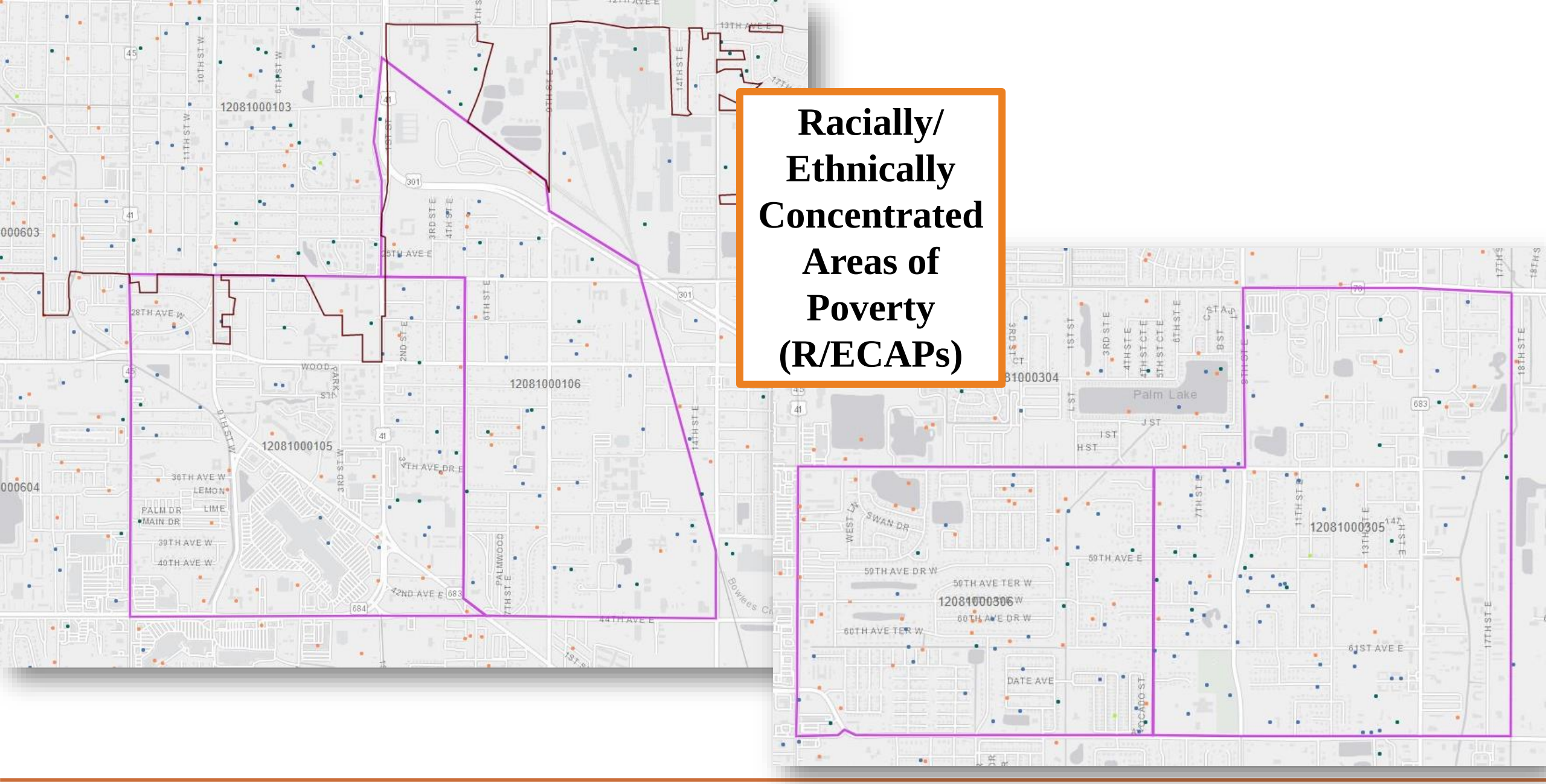
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R/ECAP Target Area

Areas designated by the Office of Fair Housing as Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP)
Census Tracts 1.05, 1.06, 3.05, 3.06

Higher points awarded for applications proposing activities to serve these R/ECAP areas

Racially/ Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs)



Needs Assessment Discussion

- **What are the priority…**
  - Housing needs?
  - Public facility/infrastructure needs?
  - Community development needs?
  - Public/social service needs?
  - Homeless needs?

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For Consolidated Plan Survey

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Next Steps for Consolidated Plan

- Consultation/Needs Assessment Meetings – February/March 2023 **(YOU ARE HERE!)**
- Draft Document Available, 30-Day Comment Period – June/July 2023
- BCC Public Hearing – July/August 2023
- Submittal to HUD – August 2023

Break-Time
10-Minutes



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Community Development Division

FY 23/24 Grant Workshop

Julia Vieira
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February 23rd, 2023

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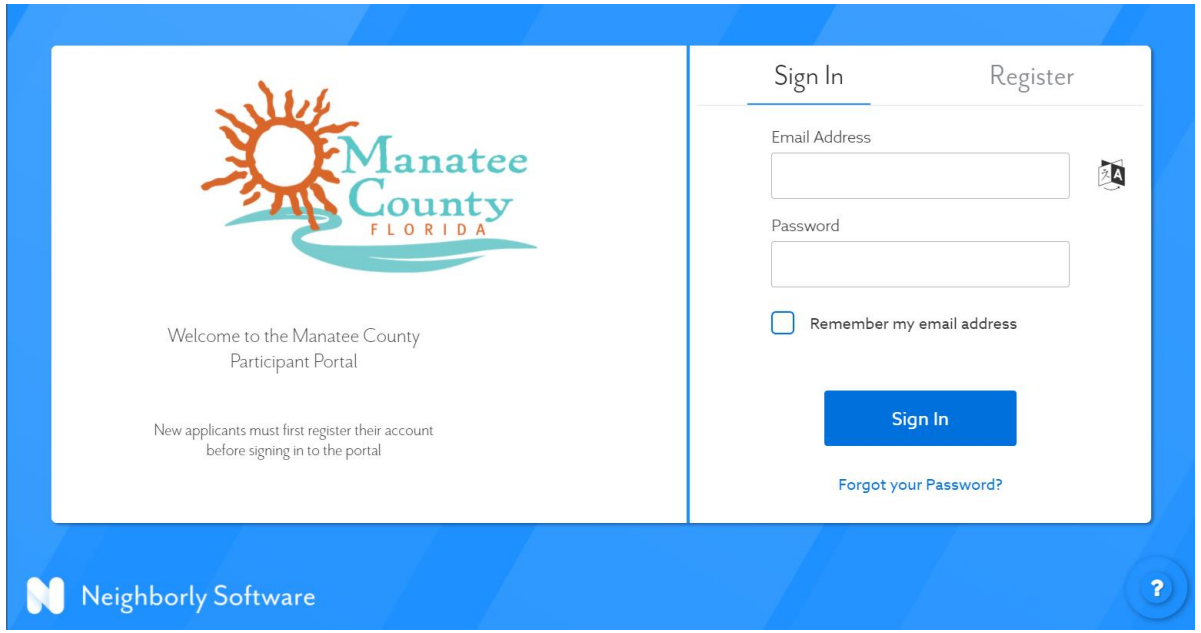
Web-Based Neighborly Software System

- Participant Access to Portal

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- March 1st - 31st, 2023

- We will provide you with a Neighborly User Guide to access the system and guide you through the system.



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What is eligible?

- Public service projects
- Acquisition of real property
- Public improvements
- Public facility improvements
- Home ownership
- Housing construction or rehabilitation
- Demolition of blighted/unsafe structures
- Economic development activities
- Rental Assistance

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What is not eligible?

General Rule: Any activity that is not included is excluded

- Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government. For example, the County Administration Building
- General government expenses. Salaries for those not directly involved in programs
- Political activities
- Purchase of equipment
- Operating and maintenance expenses
- Purchase of construction equipment

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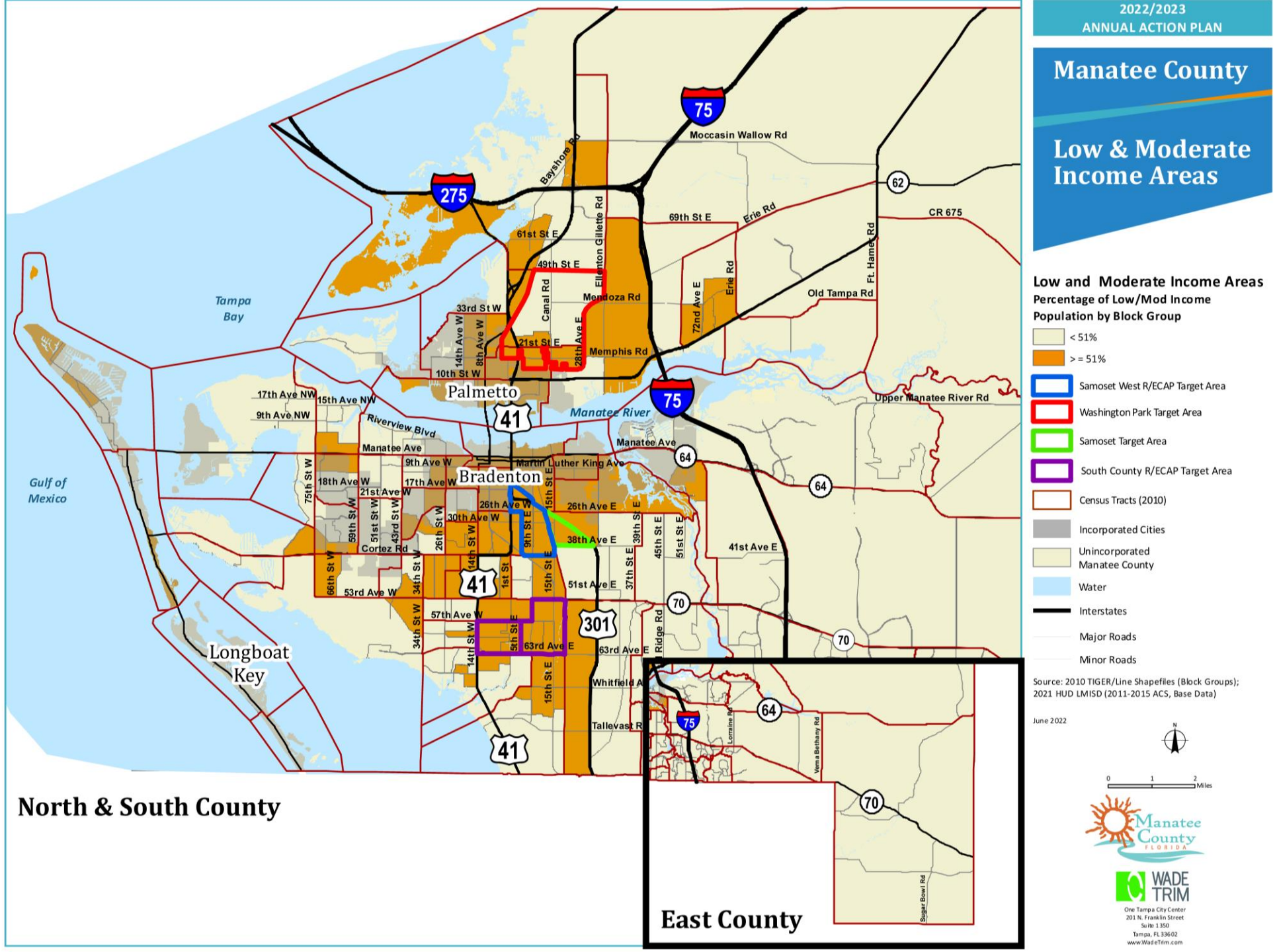
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2022/2023
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
Manatee County
Low & Moderate Income Areas
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Percentage of Low/Mod Income Population by Block Group
< 51%
> = 51%
Samoset West R/ECAP Target Area
Washington Park Target Area
Samoset Target Area
South County R/ECAP Target Area
Census Tracts (2010)
Incorporated Cities
Unincorporated Manatee County
Water
Interstates
Major Roads
Minor Roads
Source: 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles (Block Groups); 2021 HUD LMISD (2011-2015 ACS, Base Data)
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Canal Rd
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Memphis Rd
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15th Ave NW
9th Ave NW
Riverview Blvd
Manatee Ave
Martin Luther King Ave
18th Ave W
17th Ave W
21st Ave W
26th Ave W
26th Ave E
30th Ave W
38th Ave E
41st Ave E
Cortez Rd
53rd Ave W
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Basic Application Requirements

- Proposed projects must demonstrate:
  - Clear and defined project narrative and results to be accomplished
    - Implementation Schedule is Realistic and Complete
    - Project Meets a Defined Need
    - Identifiable and Achievable Results
  - Specified budget to cover all costs
    - Additional funding/financing in place



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New or Expanding Services/Program

- Number of beneficiaries from the entire project
- Number of beneficiaries from CDBG/HOME assistance
- Is the project New: program not previously operated
- Is the project Increasing Level of service: adding new people to an existing program/service

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Financial Information & Leverage

- Budget Narrative & Budget Chart required
- List all funding sources and amount being used to implement the project
- Identify if funding source is committed or not committed
- Describe impact if less funding awarded than requested

- Project is sustainable - Not only dependent upon CDBG/HOME
- How is the requested funds leveraging additional funding
- **Projects are scored based upon % of funding requested to the total budget**

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Basic Application Requirements…Cont.

- Proposed projects must demonstrate:
  - Agency capacity in place
    - Fiscal Staff experience
    - Project Manager identified
    - Non-Profit Status
    - Prior Experience with Federal Funding
  - Property
    - Correct ownership of land in place
    - Correct zoning in place



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Basic Federal Requirements

- Environmental Review (no expenses prior to being completed)
- No Supplantation of Existing Funds
- 2 CFR 200 / Financial Management
- Purchasing Standards
- Avoiding Conflicts of Interest
- Equal Opportunity
- Drug Free Workplace

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More Requirements for Construction Projects…

- Davis-Bacon Labor Standards
- Section 3 Reporting (if over $200,000 in assistance)
- Accessibility for Disabled People (services & architectural barriers)
- Lead Based Paint Abatement (if pre-1978 building)
- Capital Projects are Subject to a local Land Use Restriction Agreement

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Five Key Elements for Funding

1) Eligible Activity and Beneficiary
2) Quality & Complete Application
3) Agency Capacity to Implement
4) Understanding of the Requirements
5) **Projects Must be Results Driven**

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Activity Must be Result Driven

- How does the project or public service result in a positive effective change to the participant's condition or the community environment?
- What is the achievable outcome(s)? How will you quantify success?

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Activity Must be Result Driven

- What are the Key Performance Indicators or Milestones that you will use to track progress toward the intended Goal/Result? – How do you track your progress to identify if you need to make changes?
- How will you measure the results (methodology you use?)
- Monthly & Quarterly reporting is required on the results

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All Funding Approvals Are Subject To Availability Of Funding Based On The **Actual** Allocation Received From HUD

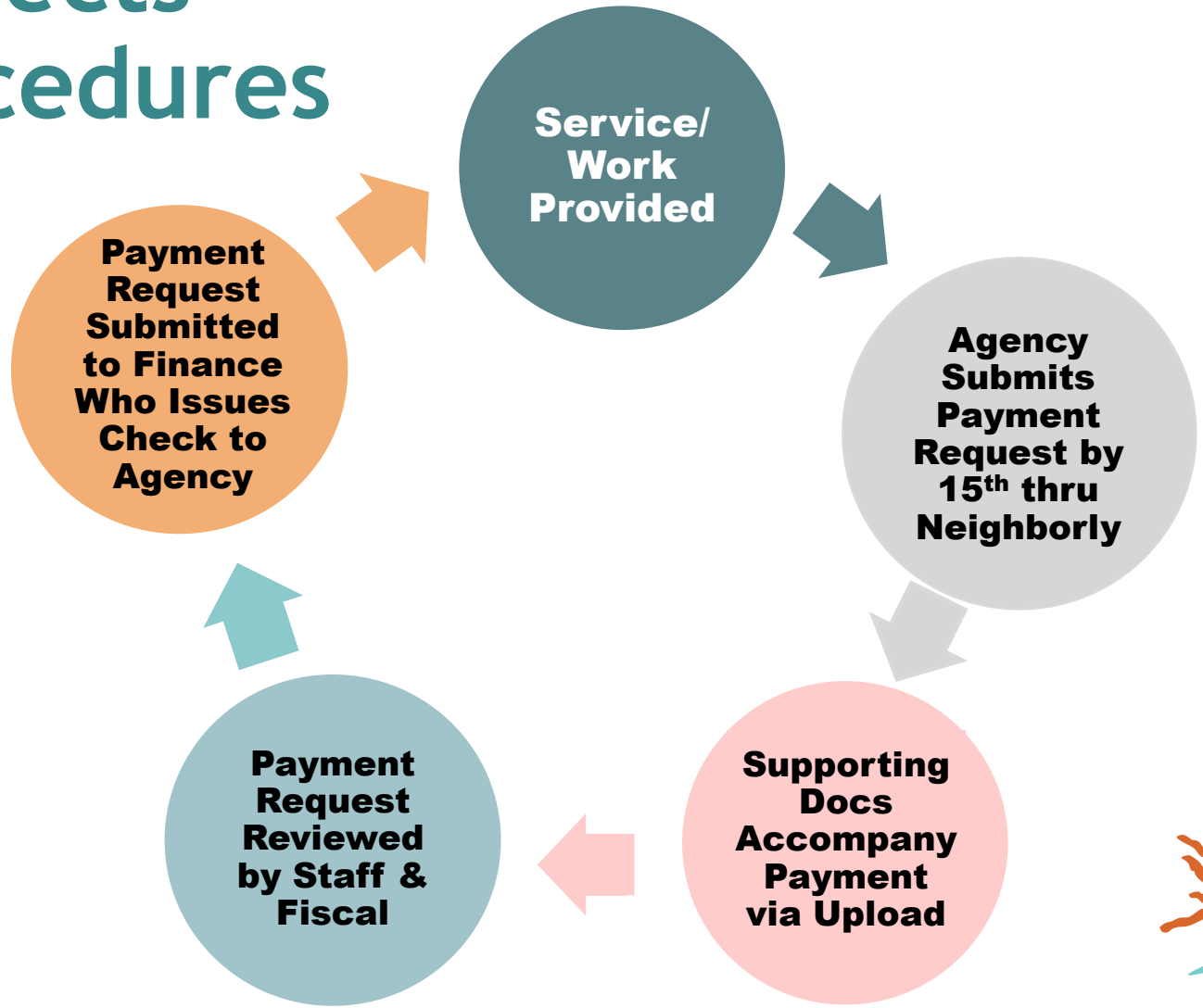
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Selected Projects

- Agency meeting with Manatee Staff following notification of award to establish guidelines for reporting and compliance
- Reporting directly within Neighborly
  - Monthly Progress Reports are required with each payment request
  - Results First Quarterly Report are due at the time of submission of payment request for the appropriate quarter

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Selected Projects Payment Procedures



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Schedule

Date	Purpose
February 23rd, 2023	**Grant Workshop For Applicants**
March 1, 2023	Grant Application Opens
March 31, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Grant Applications Due
April 1 - April 14, 2023	Staff Threshold Review Occurs
April 15 – May 5, 2023	Review Committee Application Review & Recommendation Period
June 6, 2023	BCC Meeting for Recommended Activities to include in Draft Action Plan
June 25 – July 26, 2023	Public Comment Period for Draft Consolidated and Annual Action Plan
July 25, 2023, or August 8, 2023 (Alternative)	Public Hearing and approval of 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan
August 16, 2023	Deadline for Plan submission to HUD

Community Development Block Grant HOME Investment Partnership Program Application for Funding

Application Submissions Due No Later Than 4:00 p.m. – March 31, 2023

Grant Application Portal Access Opens on March 1, 2023

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Application Material Posting to Website

- https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/redevelopment___economic_opportunity/community_development/community_development_block_grant___c_d_b_g_
- Available Wednesday, March 1st, 2023
- Link to Neighborly Portal to Apply
- Copy of this Presentation
- Manatee County 2023/2024 Grant Application Instruction
  - Guidance
  - Document Checklist
  - Scoring Criteria
  - CDBG Area Maps
- Neighborly User Guide

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Questions

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CDBG Eligible Activities

Public Facilities and Improvements

Senior Centers
Handicapped Centers
Special Needs Facilities & Group Homes
Youth Centers
Neighborhood Facilities
Parks, Recreational Facilities
Public Parking Facilities
Flood Drain Improvements
Water/Sewer Improvements
Street Improvements
Sidewalks
Child Care Centers
Tree Planting
Fire Stations/Equipment
Health Facilities
Abused and Neglected Children Facilities
Asbestos Removal
Facilities for AIDS Patient

Public Services (Subjected to 15% Grant cap)

Senior Services
Handicapped Services
Legal Services
Youth Services
Transportation Services
Substance Abuse Services
Battered and Abused Spouses
Employment Training
Crime Awareness
Fair Housing Activities
Homeless Facilities/Services
Tenant/Landlord Counseling
Child Care Services
Health Services
Abused and Neglected Children
Mental Health Services
Public Housing Assistance
Homeownership Assistance
Rental Housing Subsidies
Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards

Housing Rehabilitation

Multi-Family House
Rehab; Single-Unit Residential
Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential
Public Housing Modernization
Residential Energy Efficiency Improvements
Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abate

Other CDBG Activities

Tenant-based Rental Assistance
Clearance and Demolition
Clean-up of Contaminated Sites
Construction of Single-family Housing
Construction of Multi-family Housing
Code Enforcement
Historic Preservation

Economic Development Activities

Commercial/Industrial Infrastructure Improvements
Loans/Grants for Small Business Development Activities
Façade Improvements for Commercial Districts
Streetscaping for Commercial Districts

Homeless Services (Subjected to 15% Grant cap)

Homeless Individuals and Families
Chronically Homeless
Severely Mentally Ill
Chronic Substance Abuse
Veterans
Persons with HIV/AIDS
Victims of Domestic Violence
Youth (Under 18 years of age)

Application - Manatee County | Neighborly Software

portal.neighborlysoftware.com/MANATEECOUNTYFL/Participant

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Welcome to the Manatee County Participant Portal

New applicants must first register their account before signing in to the portal

Sign In | Register

Email Address

Email Address

Password

Password

Sign in

Forgot your password?

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Manatee County
FY 2023/24 Funding Application
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
Instructions and Scoring Criteria

Applications Are Due
No Later Than 4:00 P.M. March 31, 2023

Fiscal Year 2023/24 (October 1 – September 30)

Carefully read these instructions completely before completing application in Neighborly.

CDBG funds are used to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. HOME funds are used to carry out a wide range of housing development/rehabilitation projects, as well as homeownership programs and rental assistance.

The CDBG and HOME programs are primarily designed to help those residents who are low- and/or moderate- income within HUD CDBG eligible areas or for households who income qualifies in Unincorporated Manatee County. Projects/services in the city limits of the City of Bradenton and City of Palmetto are generally not eligible as they receive their own CDBG & HOME funding.

Approximately $285,000 of funding is available for CDBG Public Services and approximately $1,350,000 is available for Public Facilities/ Improvements/Housing. An additional $1,100,000 is approximately available for Housing projects under the HOME program.

A separate application must be submitted for each activity/proposal for funding.

Applications must be submitted in Neighborly no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, March 31, 2023.

Be as descriptive and concise as possible. Be familiar with "Scoring Criteria". Answer every question. **Applications will be ranked based only on the information provided**.

Identify if the proposed program/project is a Public Service or a Public Facility/Community Development/Housing project before applying in Neighborly. You must select and submit the appropriate application for the type of proposal and funding to be requested.

MANATEE COUNTY FY 2023/2024 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION NEIGHBORLY CHECKLIST – DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED

Section A: Agency/Organization Information

- ☐ Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws (required document)
- ☐ Board of Directors/Advisory Council Listing (required document)
- ☐ Florida Department of State Certificate of Good Standing (required document)
- ☐ Resolution by the Board Authorizing Submission of Application (required document)
- ☐ Tax Exempt Status Letter from the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) (required document)
- ☐ Most recent 990 submitted to the IRS (required document for **Non-Profit Organizations Only**)

Section B: Project Information

- ☐ B12: Map highlighting project area boundaries (if project area is not countywide)

Section D: Other Requirements

- ☐ D2: If your program is an increase or an expansion in the level of services. (required document if your project is increasing level of services)
- ☐ D5: Approved Site Plan (document for **Public Facilities Projects Only**)
- ☐ D7a: Detailed Construction Cost Estimate & Project Schedule (required document for **Public Facilities Construction Projects Only**)
- ☐ D7b: Preliminary designs (document for **Public Facilities Construction Projects Only**)
- ☐ D7d: Property Lease (document for Public Facilities Only) D4: Approved Site Plan (document for **Public Facilities Only**)
- ☐ D8b: Detailed Acquisition Cost Estimate & Project Schedule (required document for **Public Facilities Acquisition Projects Only**)
- ☐ D8c: Documentation of Possible Properties, Preferred site and Owner Intent to Sell as appropriate (document for **Public Facilities Acquisition Projects Only**)
- ☐ D: Resume of Person Responsible for Organization's Financial Records (required document)
- ☐ D: Resumes & Job Descriptions for Management & Supervisory Staff involved in project/program (required document)
- ☐ D: Resumes & Job Descriptions for other personnel involved in project/program (document not required)
- ☐ D: Volunteers involved in project/program and roles performed (document not required)
- ☐ D: Agency Organizational Chart (required document)

Section F: Budget

- ☐ F: Copies of executed agreements or award letters for committed or secured funds at time of application (document not required)
- ☐ F: Most recent Financial Audit, or Current Year-End Financial Statements (required document)

ELIGIBILITY

1) **Agency Location:** The CDBG & HOME programs are primarily designed to help those residents who are of low- and/or moderate-income within HUD CDBG eligible areas or for households who income qualifies in Unincorporated Manatee County (projects/services in the City of Bradenton and City of Palmetto are generally not eligible as they receive their own CDBG funding). Agencies located outside of unincorporated Manatee County must provide explanation regarding how Agency services benefit unincorporated Manatee County low- to moderate-income residents.
2) **National Objective:**
   a) Activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons (area/participant based)
   b) Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
   c) Activities designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency (i.e., natural disaster)
3) **Questions 3-5: Low Income Beneficiaries:** The CDBG & HOME programs are primarily designed to help those residents who are of low- and/or moderate-income. Identify the percent of the total beneficiaries that will have incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income and how you will document compliance.
4) **R/ECAP Dedicated:** Identify if the proposal dedicated to address a priority in one or both of the R/ECAPs of Manatee County. See CDBG Eligible Area maps.

SECTION A: AGENCY INFORMATION

1) A.1.: The Agency's name must be identical to that in the Articles of Incorporation or in the official document identifying the applicant as a unit of state or local government.
2) A.2-A.4.: List the name, title, and other requested information for the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director (This should be the name of the person who will sign any agreements if awarded).
3) A.5-A.8: Provide the Agency's complete mailing address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, Federal Tax ID number, Unique Entity ID Number, and type of organization.
   a) If Non-Profit organization, upload copy of most recent Form 990 submitted to the IRS.
4) A.9.-A.12.: List the name, title, and other requested information for the contact person who can answer questions and receive written communications about the application.
5) A.13-A.15.: Identify if the Agency is currently receiving, anticipates receiving or has requested/applied for any funds, other than CDBG/HOME, from Manatee County. Identify the department(s) where the funding is coming from, the purpose of the funds and the amount.
6) Upload all required documents:
   a) **Most Recent Form 990 Submitted to the IRS:** Attach the most recent Form 990 to ensure continued status as a tax-exempt organization. Forms 990 and 990-EZ are used by tax-exempt organizations, nonexempt charitable trusts, and section 527 political organizations to provide the IRS.
   b) **Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws:** Attach Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the community group and its activities to ensure compliance with group's adopted rules. Minutes of meeting(s) reflecting adoption of the by-laws and subsequent amendments must be on file with the Manatee County CDBG staff. These documents establish a group as a legal entity under the laws of the State of Florida.
   c) **List of the Board of Directors/Advisory Council:** Attach a current List of the Board of Directors/Advisory Council, including each member's name, title, contact information, and area of expertise or contribution to the organization. Specify which board members are involved in securing project funding.
   d) **Certification of Good Standing:** Attach copy of Florida Department of State Certificate of

Good Standing, from the Florida Department of State.

e) **Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application:** Attach the Board of Directors' resolution authorizing submission of application.
f) **Tax Exempt Status Letter:** Attach copy of Internal Revenue Service letter establishing agency's tax-exempt status.

SECTION B: PROJECT INFORMATION

1) B.1.: The project's name. (Please note, this name may be altered by CDBG staff).
2) B.2.: The amount of funds requested must be indicated. For Public Facility/Infrastructure/Housing activities, a cost estimate must be submitted later in the application. This must match the budget section of the application.
3) B.3.: The total project costs. This must match the budget section of the application.
4) B.4.: Identify the address for the project. This may be the same as the mailing address for the agency.
5) B.5.: Identify the Project Type.
6) B.6.: Identify the Service Area. Identify if the proposal is dedicated to one of the Target Areas. If it is not dedicated to one of the listed Target Areas, select Countywide. See CDBG Eligible Area maps.
7) B.7.: Identify if the project/service facilitates community and economic development in a R/ECAP. Check the appropriate box. If "YES," provide an explanation in B.14 on how the project or activity will facilitate community and economic development (by priority need identified in B.14).
8) B.8.: Identify if the project/service is located within a R/ECAP (the address listed in B.4. must be located within a R/ECAP). Check the appropriate box.
9) B.9.: Provide a brief description of the agency purpose/mission and information/history on your organization. **This should be no more than 2-3 paragraphs.**
10) B.10: Provide a concise narrative overview of the proposed program. This should be targeted for general public understanding. **This should be no more than 2-3 paragraphs**.
11) B.11: Provide a detailed narrative of the proposed program/project.
    a) How the organization will implement the program;
    b) Design preparations, specifications, and bid documents (as appropriate);
    c) All job classifications/positions in the organization involved in this project or activity;
    d) How the organization will manage this project;
    e) The specific person responsible for managing the project, in-house staff involved, and estimated staff hours to be devoted to this project;
    f) If providing a service, how agency plans to carry out that service; and
    g) Start and end date of each phase.
12) B.12.: Provide a concise narrative describing what exactly the CDBG / HOME funding will be used to accomplish.
13) B.13.: Define the area the program/activity will serve. If limited to a specific area, submit a map that highlights project area boundaries. If the project is dedicated to serve the R/ECAP, describe how your project/program will meet R/ECAP objectives.
14) B.14.: Describe how the proposal will meet the Priority Needs outlined in the County's 5 Year Consolidated Plan.
15) B.15.: Identify all the activities the proposal will achieve.
16) B.16.: Provide an explanation on ways the project will achieve each priority identified in B.14. Describe how each box checked in B.15 relates to your project/program.

SECTION C: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Recipients of federal funding are required to assess the outcomes of projects/programs by establishing and tracking measurable goals and outcomes. Goals should be attainable within a defined period of time (typically one year) and should achieve measurable outcomes. The application must identify the actual timeline that will be followed. Include all (**minimum of 3**) relevant key performance indicators, regardless of CDBG funding involvement.

Each Performance Measure must identify the Key Performance indicators for the proposed project. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

Describe the proposed projects intended results (how the service benefits the client) and how you will quantify and measure the result.

1) C.1.: Provide a narrative describing the goal or target of the proposed project. Goals must be S.M.A.R.T.: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. Applicants must have, at least, one solid goal/outcome that ties directly back to the project/program. Identify the outcome. What methodology will you use to measure it? What is the numeric goal that you will try to reach? **The outcome must be measurable.**

    - **Specific**: Who will benefit? What will be accomplished? What actions will you take?
    - **Measurable**: What is the measurement of success? Identify the tool to be used to measure. What data will measure the goal? How much? How well?
    - **Achievable**: What is the Outcome? Is the goal doable? Do you have the necessary skills and resources?
    - **Relevant**: What are you doing? How does the goal align with broader goals? Why is the result important?
    - **Time-Bound**: What is the time-frame for the measurement? What is the time-frame for accomplishing the goal?

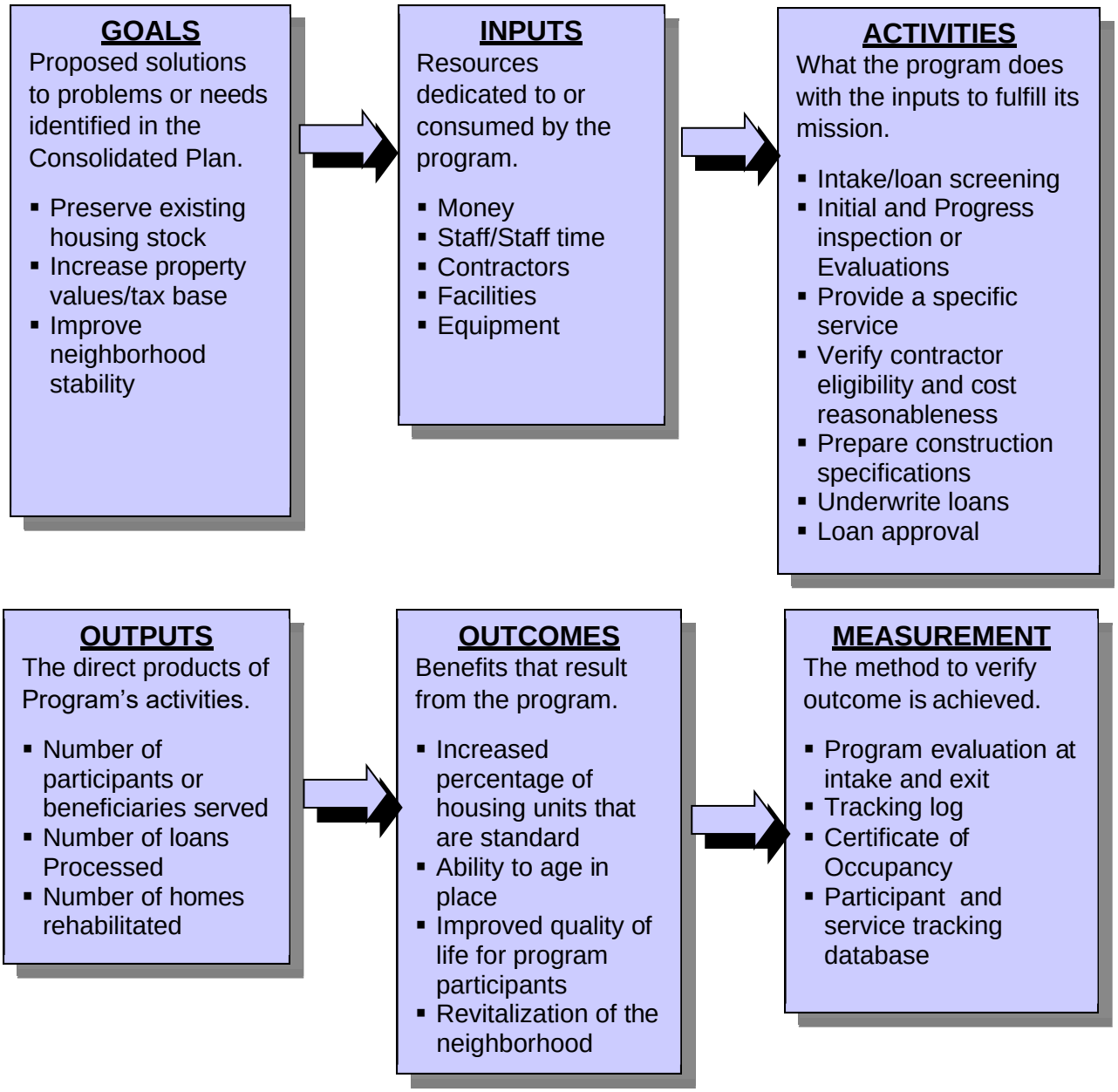
2) C.2.: Provide a narrative on the key performance indicators/measures, **a minimum of 3**, of progress toward the intended goal; describe the goal, input, activity, output, outcome and verification method (how it will be measured). Identify the outcome. What methodology will you use to measure it? What is the numeric goal that you will try to reach?
    - **Goals:** The proposed solutions to problems or needs identified by the agency.
    - **Inputs:** The resources dedicated to or consumed by the program such as money, staff, equipment, and supplies.
    - **Activities:** What the program does with inputs to fulfill its mission. Activities include the strategies, techniques, and types of treatment that comprise the program's production process or service methodology.
    - **Outputs:** The direct products of a program's activities. Outputs usually are measured in terms of the volume of work accomplished, such as number of low-income households served, number of loan applications processed, number of units constructed or rehabilitated, linear feet of gutters installed, or number of jobs created or retained.
    - **Outcomes:** The benefits that result from a program. Outcomes typically relate to a change in conditions, status, attitudes, skills, knowledge, or behavior. Common outcomes could include improved quality of life for program participants, improved quality of local housing stock, or revitalization of a neighborhood.

3) C.3.: Numbers should reflect unduplicated count, whereby each household or individual is counted one time for the entire program period, regardless of the number of times assisted.

Proposal may serve 20 households with a total of 100 encounters over the course of the program.

4) C.3a.: Numbers should be the prorate share of the entire program/project that is served by CDBG. The numbers should reflect unduplicated count, whereby each household or individual is counted one time for the entire program period, regardless of the number of times assisted. Proposal may serve 20 households with a total of 100 encounters over the course of the program.
5) C.4.: Identify if and the beneficiary population category the proposal is **dedicated** to serve 100% Special Needs Beneficiaries as defined by 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2): these populations include: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons (62+), severely disabled (as defined by the US. Census Bureau), homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS, and migrant farm workers.
6) C.5.: Check the appropriate box. If applicable, include a list of participating agencies and their involvement in the project/program. Describe if there are any contractual agreement(s), collaboration(s), and/or partnership(s) with another organization for services that you may render to reduce duplications of services.

C1 - Example of Performance Measures:



SECTION D: OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Answer the questions for the type of application proposal being submitted.

ALL APPLICATIONS

1) Upload all required documents:
   a) Resumes for personnel responsible for the Organization's Financial Records. (**Required**)
   b) Resumes and job descriptions for Management/Supervisory staff that will be involved in the project/program for which funding is requested. (**Required**)
   c) Agency's Organizational Chart. (**Required**)
   d) Resumes and job descriptions for other personnel that will be involved in the project/program for which funding is requested.
   e) A list of Volunteers who will be involved in the program. Indicate number of volunteers and description of roles they will perform.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES APPLICATIONS ONLY

1) D.1.: Has the agency received CDBG funding in the last 5 years? If yes, identify the program title, funding year, and the dollar amount of funding that was received.
2) D.2.: Will the proposal result in a new project or service, or will the proposal result in an increase or expansion in the level of current services?
   a) If increase or expansion, upload details about the current level of services for the last 12 months.
3) D.3.: Identify what type of services will be provided with the funding being requested.
4) D.4.: Identify the population(s) that will be assisted with the proposal.

PUBLIC FACILITY / IMPROVEMENT / HOUSING APPLICATIONS ONLY

For projects involving construction, alteration, and/or repair assisted with CDBG/HOME funding, Federal Davis Bacon Wages must be paid to all construction employees. To assist in budgeting and the construction cost estimates accuracy, download and use the Federal Wage Decision Rate for the proposed project for Manatee County when obtaining construction cost estimates.

1) D.1.: Describe in detail the physical improvements that will be made with the proposed project that involve construction/renovation of a facility or purchase of land/building?
2) D.2.: Will the proposal result in a new project or service, or will the proposal result in an increase or expansion in the level of current services?
   a) If increase or expansion, upload details about the current level of services for the last 12 months.
3) D.3.: Will the project require publicly supported maintenance costs? If yes, explain and identify if the public agency responsible for maintenance and if agency is willing and able to provide maintenance. If awarded, written verification will be required.
4) D.4.: Describe the long-term operation and maintenance plans for the project.
5) D.5.: Identify if the project requires site plan approval by the local jurisdiction. If yes, upload the approved site plan and a letter from the local jurisdiction's Planning Department indicating that the project has received final site plan approval for the proposed project.
6) D.6.: Identify if the nature of the proposed project includes construction and/or acquisition. Answer the associated construction or acquisition questions.
7) D.7: Construction Projects:
   a) Provide the name, title, company, and the qualifications of the person(s) that developed the construction cost estimates.
      i) Upload copy of Detailed Construction Cost Estimates & Project Schedule. (**Required**)
   b) Identify if preliminary designs have been developed.

i) If yes, upload copies.

c) Identify if the project requires land use and/or zoning changes.
   i) If yes, describe the current land use and/or zoning and what needs to be changed. Describe the steps already taken to make the needed changes, if any.
d) Identify if the applicant owns the property or site.
   i) If no, upload a copy of the current lease.
e) Identify the Parcel Number and Property Owner name. This should match information on the legal description (deed) and the Property Appraisers Office website.

8) D.8: Acquisition Projects:
With the submission of this application, property may not be acquired (with or without CDBG/HOME funding) until an environmental review is complete and documentation of compliance with Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act – (https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/relocation/overview/#overview-of-the-ura).

After submission of the application, if you wish to place a purchase option on the property, please contact county staff to ensure the following. Failure to comply with these requirements will make the project ineligible for CDBG/HOME funding.
   i) Appropriate notices of intent to use Federal Funding for the project is provided to the owner in writing.
   ii) Property Market Value is obtained, and appropriate notices are provided to the owner in writing.
   iii) Inclusion of environmental contingency language in the purchase option papers.

a) Confirm the status of Purchase Option Agreement, if any.
b) Upload copy of Detailed Acquisition Cost Estimates & Project Schedule. (**Required**)
c) Identify the Property for Acquisition (select only one):
   i) No Specific Site is need.
      (1) Upload documentation of a minimum of 3 properties.
      (2) Identify if one of the potential properties is preferred.
         (a) If yes, upload evidence of owner's intent to sell.
   ii) Only one Property will meet the needs of the project.
      (1) Confirm that you understand that this project is subject to Involuntary Acquisition requirements of the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act and you have **NOT** entered into a purchase option agreement and that you will not until compliance is met.
   iii) No Potential Property has been identified.
      (1) Describe the property specification that are needed to accomplish the proposed project.

SECTION E: SCHEDULE

Using the Instructions of start dates listed in the application, complete a Program Implementation Schedule.

1) If implementation steps are one-time events, such as preparing architectural design, list it once with beginning/ending of that step;
2) If implementation steps are recurring events, list the number of services the agency anticipates providing each month with beginning month and the ending month of that step.

SECTION F: BUDGET AND DETAILED BUDGET NARRATIVE

1) F.1. & F.2.: Total Project Cost and Grant Proposal Request from Section B.
2) F.3.: Identify if the project requires financial support from other sources. This is the project leverage.
   a) Identify the source, amount, use of funds and if the funding is committed or not committed.
   b) For funds committed and/or secured at time of application, attach a copy of the executed agreement showing funding and/or copy of the award letter. Only committed/awarded funds will be used in evaluation for scoring
3) F.4.: Identify if any of the leveraged funding sources require a county match as a condition of award. If yes, list the match amount requirement.
4) F.5.: Describe the impact on the project if less than the amount requested is awarded.
5) F.6.: Provide a Budget Narrative that identifies how the project/service/activity will be accomplished. The Project Budget must include all funding sources (including leveraged funds) that are being used for the proposed project/service; not just the CDBG/HOME funding being requested. List all funding being used to implement the project/service. Include how the requested funds is leveraging additional funding.
6) F.7.: Use appropriate line items from the agency budget as expense categories for the Project Budget. The Budget must match the amounts listed in other locations through-out the application.
   a) Identify the CDBG/HOME Amount for each budget line-item
   b) Identify other source Amounts for each budget line item
   c) Identify other County fund Amounts for each budget line item
7) Upload all required documents:
   a) The most **Recent Financial Audit** of prior year expenditures or a current year-end financial statement of the agency.
   b) For funds committed and/or secured at time of application, attach a copy of the executed agreement showing funding and/or copy of the award letter. Only committed/awarded funds will be used in evaluation for scoring.

SCORING CRITERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS = 100 (108 with Bonus Points)

I. MANDATORY EVALUATION FACTORS (THRESHOLD)

A. Does the proposed project meet the basic CDBG/HOME eligibility for the National Objectives and/or an allowable activity? National Objective: _____
   - ☐ YES – Application continues through processing
   - ☐ NO – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.

B. Are the proposed activities that the agency wishes to accomplish with the CDBG/HOME funds consistent with the County's 2017-22 Consolidated Plan?
   - ☐ YES – Application continues through processing
   - ☐ NO – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.

C. Is the request for funding considered necessary and appropriate?
   - ☐ YES – Application continues through processing
   - ☐ NO – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.

D. What is the agency's capacity to carry out the functions of the proposed Program/Project? Does the agency have adequate staff to implement the proposed program/project within federal mandates?
   - ☐ YES – Application continues through processing
   - ☐ NO – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.

E. Was the application as submitted, complete? Did the applicant provide all the applicable information requested in the application for the proposed activity?
   - ☐ YES – Application continues through processing
   - ☐ NO – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.

F. Prior performance on prior CDBG/HOME funded activity: Did the applicant fail to meet program goals under a previously funded activity?
   - ☐ YES – do not continue the evaluation; application is automatically rejected.
   - ☐ NO – Application continues through processing

The facility must be properly licensed for the services that are requested to be considered.
The County reserves the right to reject any application.

II. PERCENTAGE OF LOW-INCOME PERSONS SERVED (All Applicants - 4 points):

Effective June, 2022

Below are the income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Metropolitan Statistical Area. These income guidelines may be updated from time to time by HUD and any such updates are incorporated upon the effective date established by HUD.

Manatee County Median Income: $90,400

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30%Extremely Low	$18,150	$20,750	$23,350	$25,900	$28,000	$30,050	$32,150	$34,200
50 % Very Low	$30,250	$34,550	$38,850	$43,150	$46,650	$50,100	$53,550	$57,000
80 % Low	$48,350	$55,250	$62,150	$69,050	$74,600	$80,100	$85,650	$91,150

A. Evaluate the proposed proportion of low to moderate-income households or individuals (less than 80% of Area Median Income) of the total households or individuals to be assisted by the proposed activity.

AMI%	Points
0 to 69	0
70 to 79	1
80 to 89	2
90 to 95	3
96 to 100	4

III. COLLABORATIONS/PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS (6 Points):

Does the applicant's proposed activity have a contractual agreement(s), collaboration(s), and/or partnership(s) with another organization for services that you may render to reduce duplications of services?

IV. LEVERAGING OF OTHER FUNDS (All Applicants – 10 Points):

Evaluate on the basis of committed/awarded funds only. Does the applicant include a copy of executed agreement(s), award letter(s), and/or account information for additional funds? Percentages refer to the proportion of CDBG funds requested to the total activity budget.

% CDBG/HOME Funds Requested	Points
1 to 20	10
21 to 40	8
41 to 60	6
61 to 75	4
76 to 90	2
91 to 100	0

V. FUNDING REQUEST AND BUDGET NARRATIVE (10 Points):

- Do the budget amounts throughout the application align and match? Is the math accurate? **(2 Points)**
- Does the budget narrative identify how project/service/activity will be accomplished? **(4 Points)**
- Does the agency's project budget take into consideration the actual (total) project costs necessary to complete the project? **(4 Points)**

VI. RATING OF AGENCY CAPACITY (20 Points):

- Is professional expertise and experience documented through certification, educational attainment, and/or past performance? **(4 Points)**
- Is there a satisfactory record of the agency providing the proposed type of service to the intended target population? If prior performance with Manatee County CDBG funded activity: Did the applicant fail to meet program goals under a previously funded activity? **(6 Points)**
- Does the agency have the documented financial and administrative capability, internal controls, and resources to successfully support the proposed services and maintain necessary records? **(4 Points)**
- Are there additional documented committed/awarded resources available for this proposed program? **(2 Points)**
- Is the uploaded audit clean of findings or does it provide that the corrective action plan has been completed to address the findings? (**4 Points**)

VII. RATING OF PROPOSED PROJECT (26 Points):

- Do the number of beneficiaries throughout the application align and match? **(2 points)**
- Does the information presented in the application demonstrate a clear and documented need for the proposed activity/program? **(2 Points)**
- Does the applicant clearly articulate the identified needs and significant target population? **(2 Points)**
- Does the application describe the services and/or resources presently in place for addressing the problem? **(4 Points)**
- Does the applicant explain the relationship between the proposed service, the population to be served, and the linkage to the projects identified as essential for community development? **(4 Points)**
- Is the project ready to move forward? Based on documentation and information provided, showing that the resources, such as funding, staffing, outreach material, site control, etc., needed to implement the proposed activity are available and ready. **(4 Points)**
- Is the implementation schedule realistic and account for milestones (key performance indicators) identified within the application and Performance Measurements? **(4 Points)**
- CDBG/HOME investment per individual benefiting from the project – How do you compare with other applications submitted under the program/project type (Public Service or Public Facility/Community Improvements). **(maximum of 4 points)**

Quartile Comparison	Points
1 (lowest CDBG/HOME cost per beneficiary)	4
2	2
3	1

4 (highest CDBG/HOME cost per beneficiary)	0

VIII. FAIR HOUSING (4 Points):

- Does the proposed activity aid in efforts to affirmatively further fair housing?
  - If applicant is an existing Fair Housing Education Provider has assurance been included on their letterhead that they will affirmatively further fair housing and have provided a description of past and proposed efforts to affirmatively further fair housing.

IX. FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES (Max. 8 Points)

Does the proposed project address activities that are considered "high" priority needs in the Consolidated Plan?

- Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing? **(2 Points)**
- Improve the Quality of Housing? **(2 Points)**
- Expand Access to Housing Programs or Services? **(2 Points)**
- Elimination of Slum and Blight? **(2 Points)**
- Fair Housing? **(2 Points)**
- Legal Services? **(2 Points)**
- Public Facility Improvements? **(2 Points)**
- Youth Centers or Programs? **(2 Points)**
- Senior/Elderly Facilities or Services? **(2 Points)**
- Homeless Prevention, Services, or Shelters? **(2 Points)**
- Affordable Child Care Services? **(2 Points)**
- Employment Training? **(2 Points)**

X. RATING OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES (12 Points):

- Are the Goals or Targets of the proposed project S.M.A.R.T.? **(5 points)**
- Are there a minimum of 3 key performance indicators/measures for each goal or target? Are the key performance indicators related to the goals or targets? **(3 points)**
- Are the performance measure objectives specific, time-related, realistic and measurable? Does the applicant articulate the intended result of the proposed program? **(2 Points)**
- Is there a direct and identifiable relationship between program services and outcome measures? **(2 Points)**

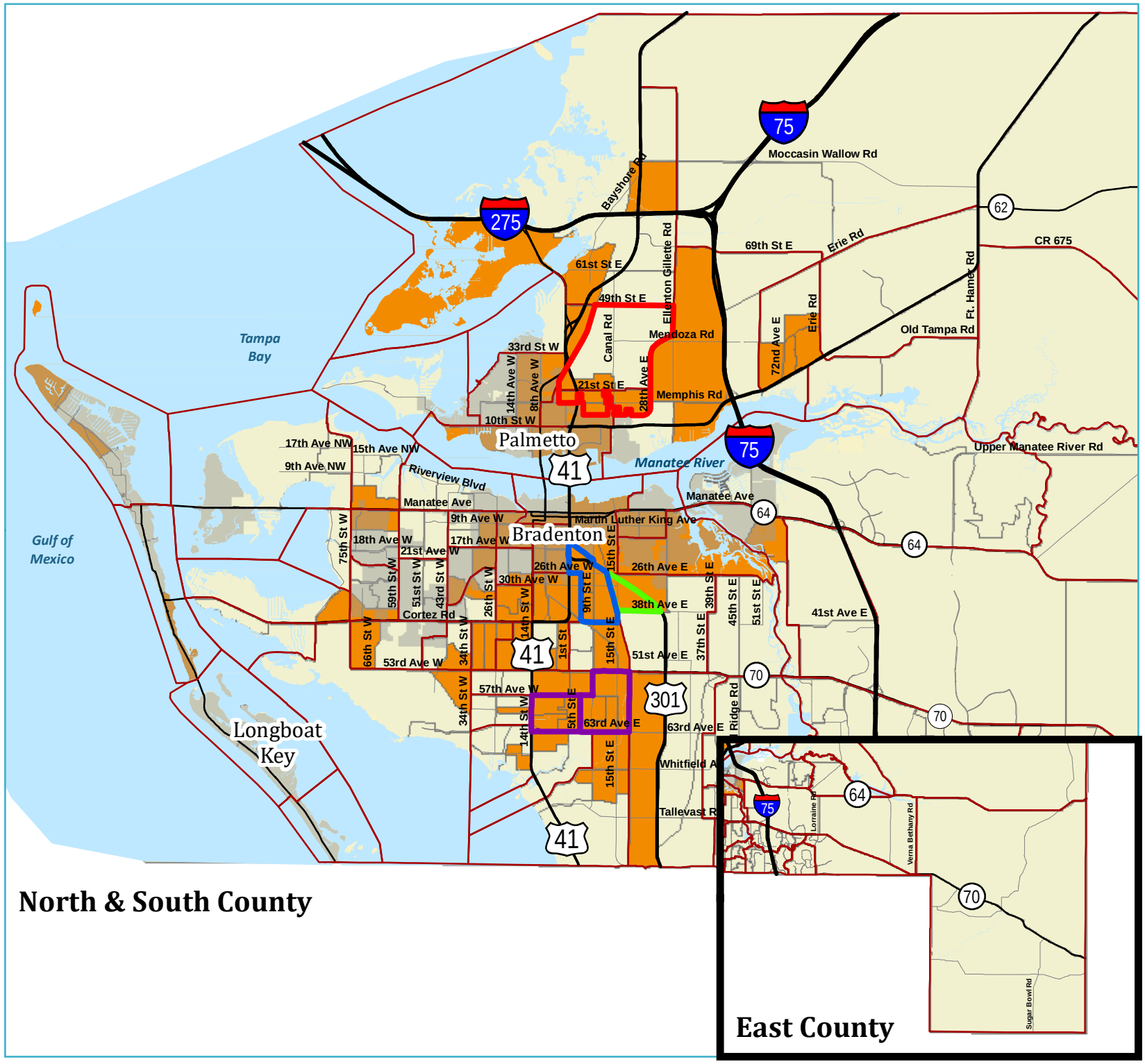
XI. R/ECAP (Maximum 8 Bonus Points)

Is the proposed project located in, or will be dedicated to providing services to residents of a R/ECAP?

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Low & Moderate Income Areas



2020 HUD Low/Mod Data

Percentage of Low/Mod Income Population by Block Group

- < 51%
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- Census Tracts (2010)
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- Unincorporated Manatee County
- > Water
- Interstates
- Major Roads
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Source: 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles (Block Groups); 2020 HUD Low/Mod Data (2011-2015 ACS, Base Data)

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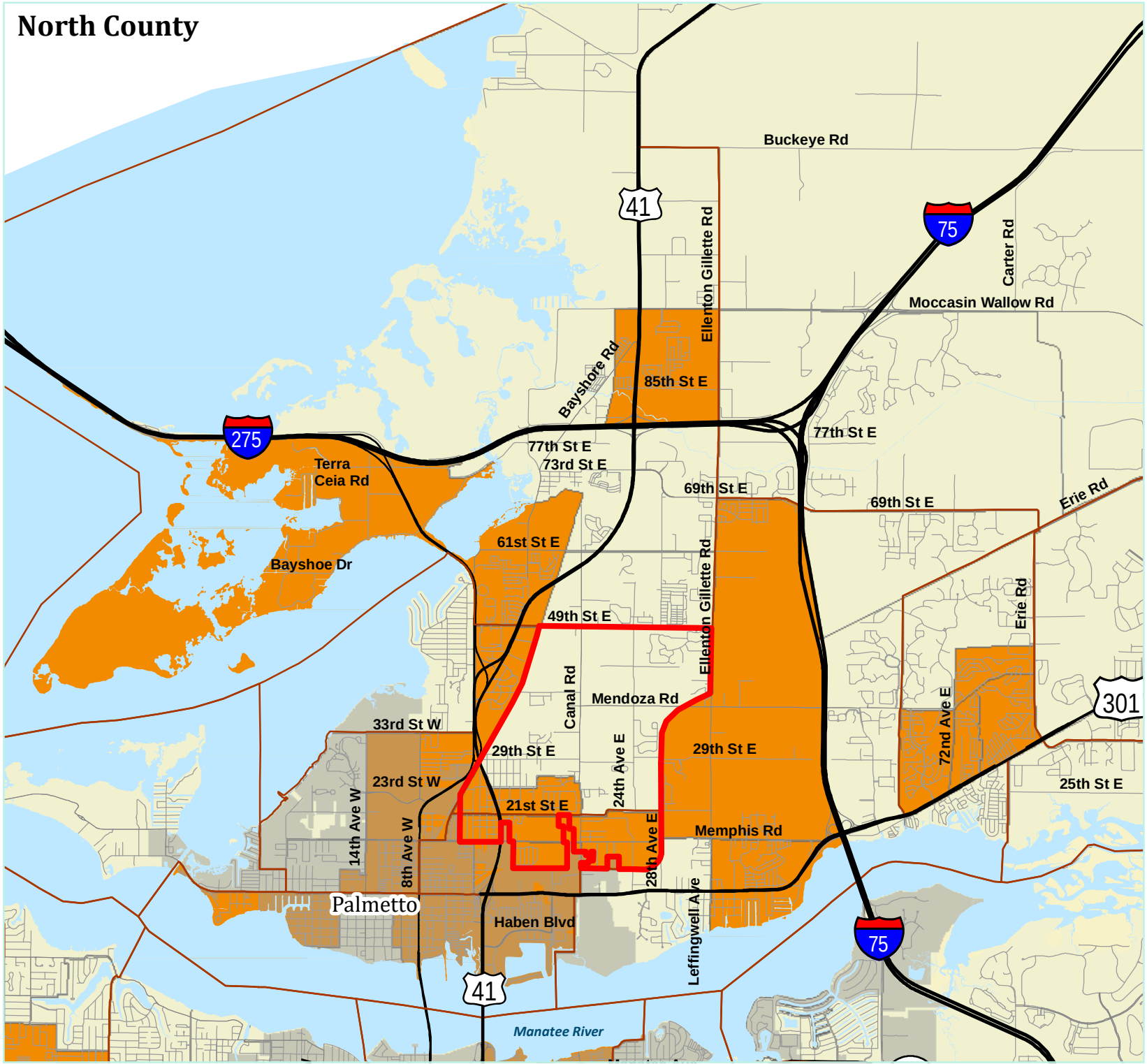
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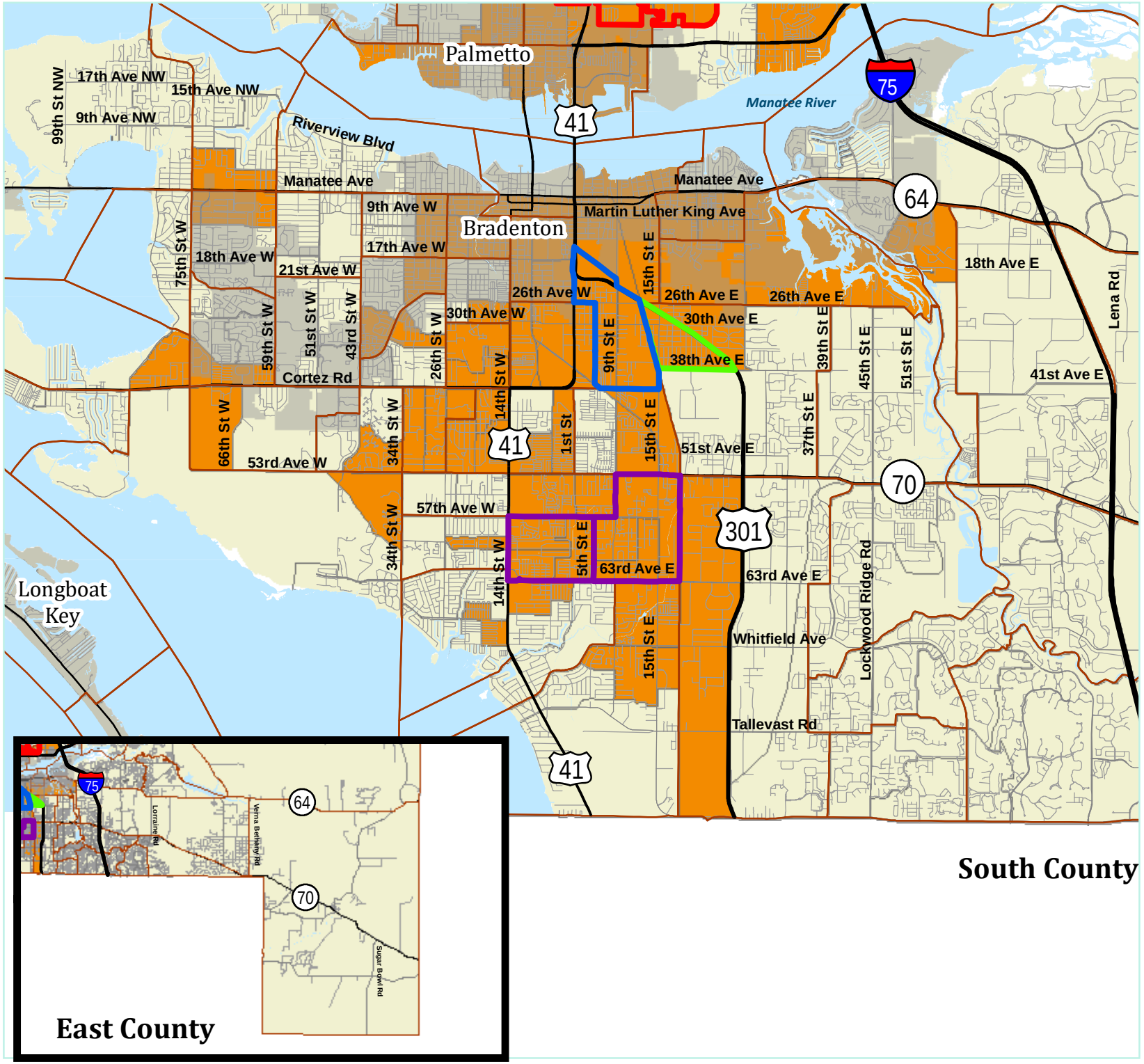
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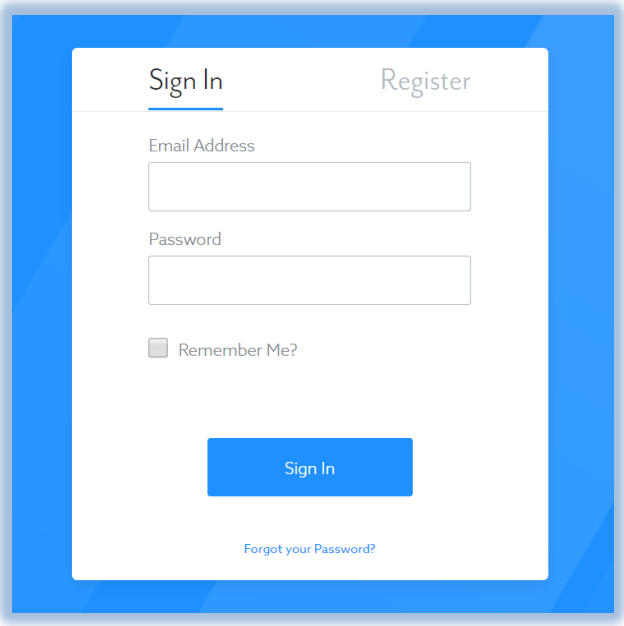
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Accessing the Subrecipient Portal

The Subrecipient Portal is hosted by Neighborly Software and is accessible available via any internet connected device. The recommended browser is Google Chrome, but will work with any modern web browser (i.e. Internet Explorer v10+, FireFox, Safari).

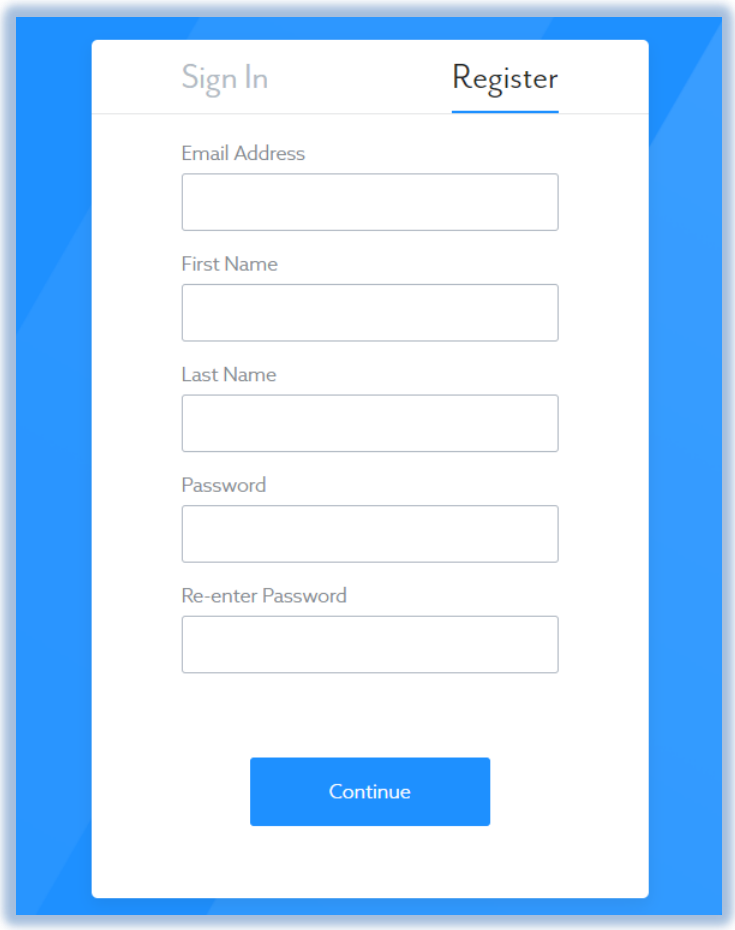
Application Portal Link: https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/manateecountyfl/Participant



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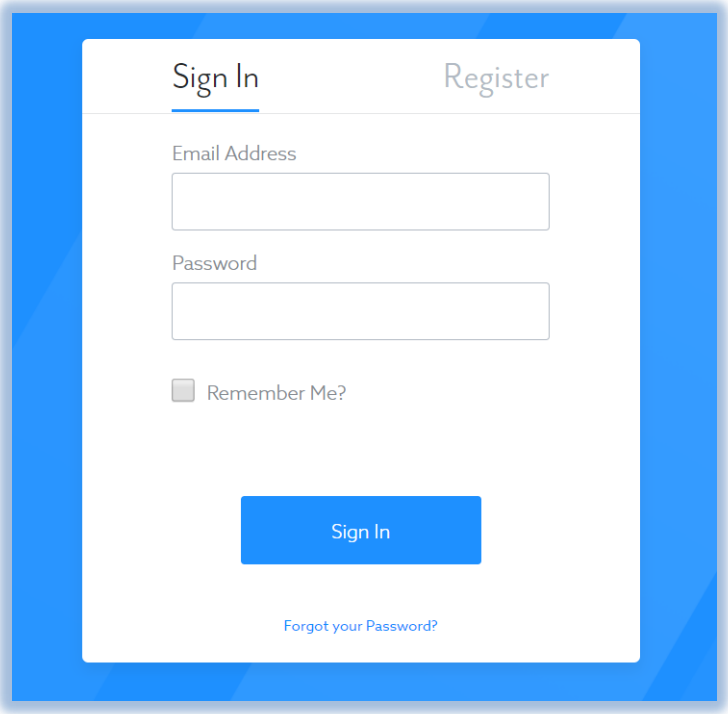
When you access the Portal for the first time, you'll need to Register your account by clicking on the Register link. The registration process will create a user name (which is your work email address) and password that will be used for future logins. The email address you choose will also be used for system emails/notifications. For security purposes, the system will validate that you own the registered email address by sending an email with a validation link.

Note: If you do not receive the system email within 2 minutes, check your spam or bulk mail folder. If the email appears in that folder, you should right click on the email to indicate "Not Junk" or "Not Spam" to ensure you receive any other system notifications.



Logging In

Once your account has been registered, you may login (using the same link above) by entering the email address and password used during registration. By checking "Remember Me?", your web browser will remember your email address for future logins (depending on browser and security settings).

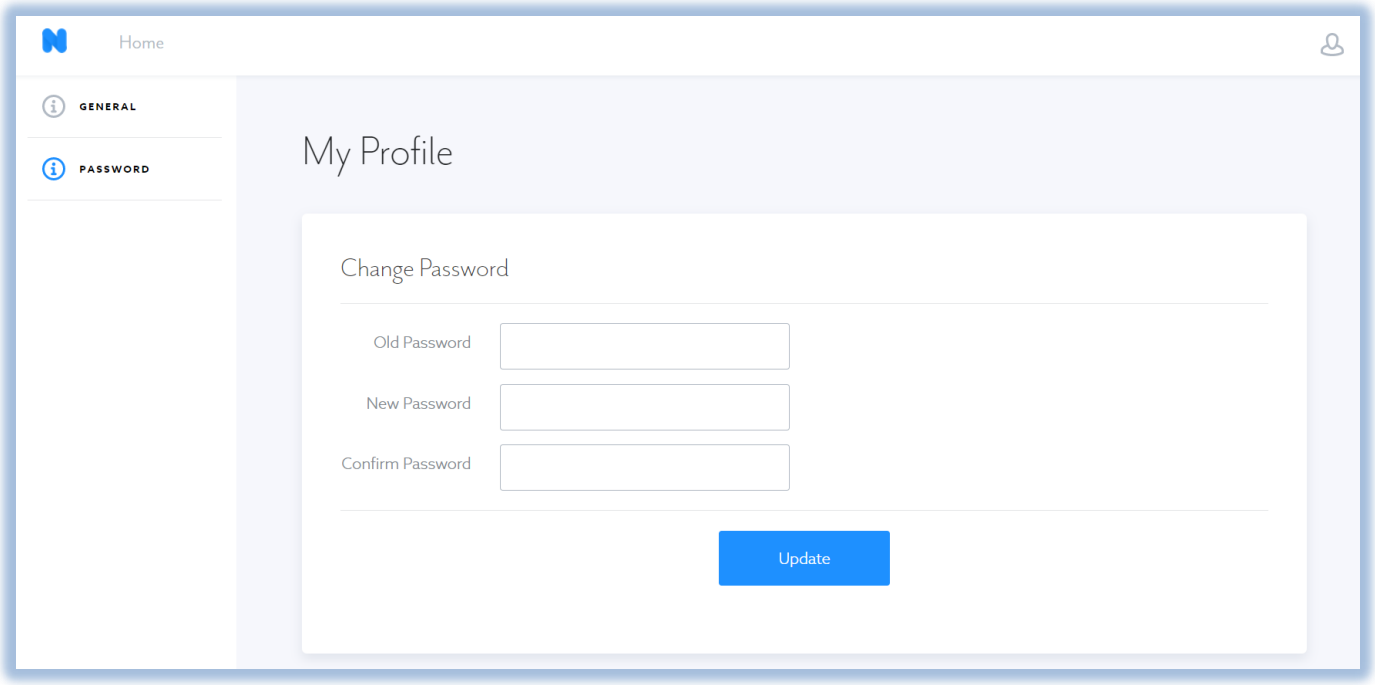


Forgot your Password

If you forget your password, click on the link that says "Forgot your Password?" and follow the prompts to create a new password. For security purposes, the system will send an email to the registered email address with a link to reset your password

Changing your Password

To change your password, log into the Application Portal. Click on the  icon on the top right corner of the screen, and select "My Profile". Then select the Password option on the left side of the screen. For security purposes, you will be required to enter your Old Password before selecting a New Password.

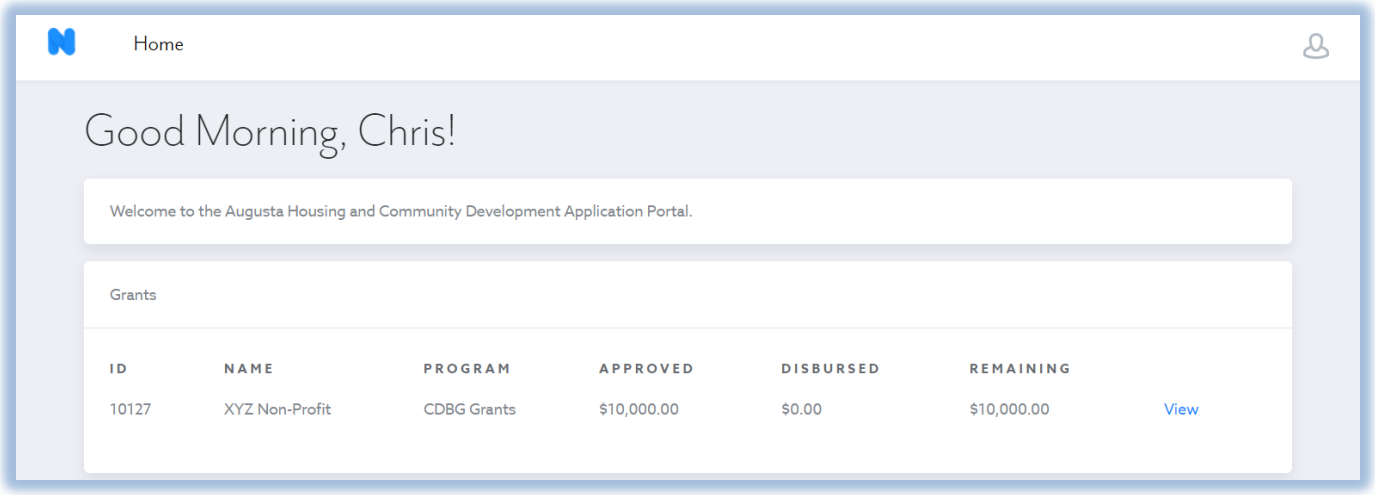


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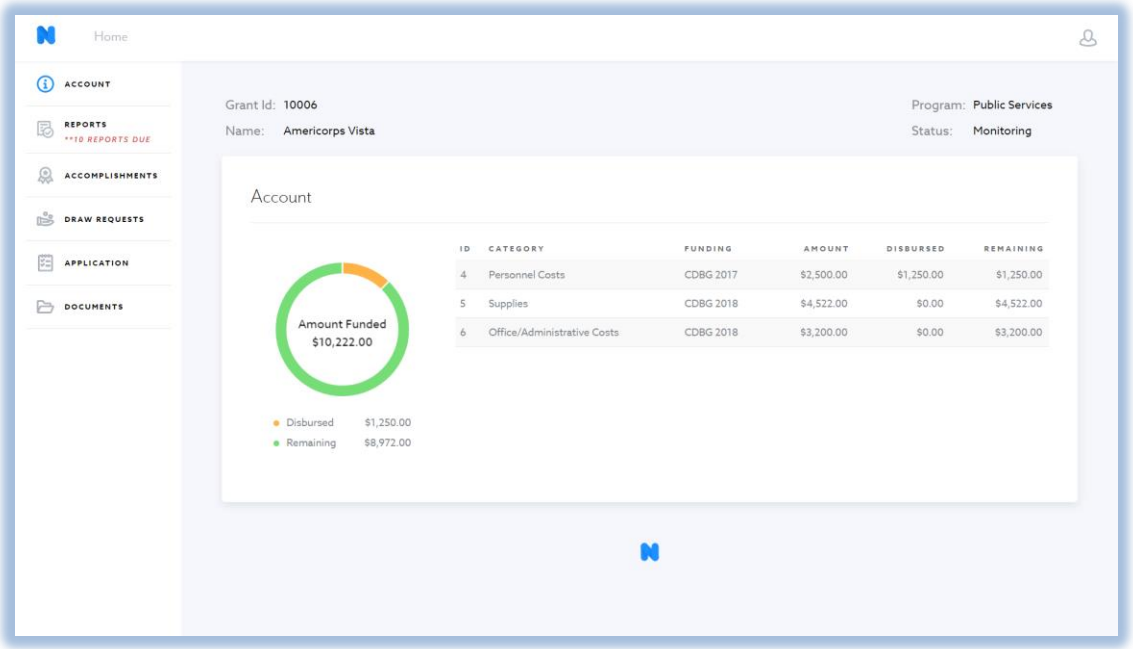
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Managing your Grant account

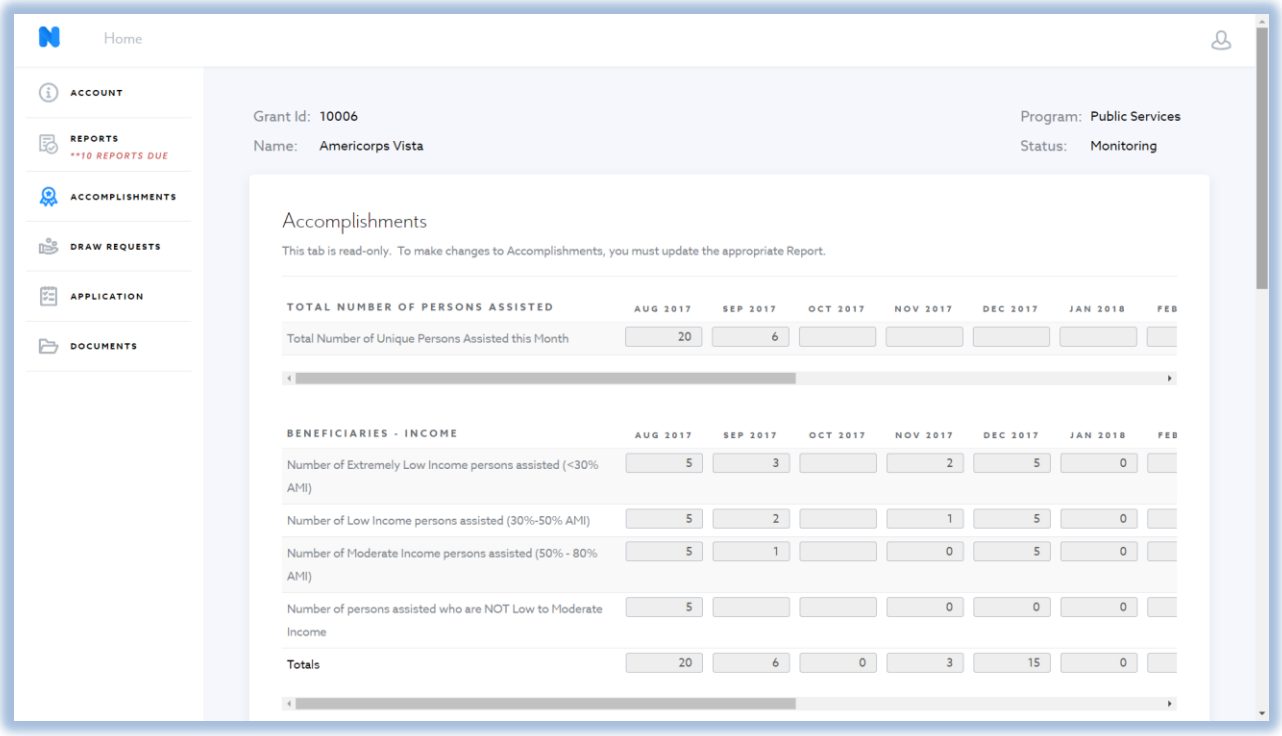
Upon logging in, you should see your grant account listed in the table of Grants. Click "View" to load the grant account screen.



Once loaded, you'll see the Grant account screen has 6 tabs: Account, Reports, Accomplishments, Draw Requests, Application and Documents. The Account screen is a summary of your Grant account, including the award amount, the funds disbursed, and the remaining account balance.

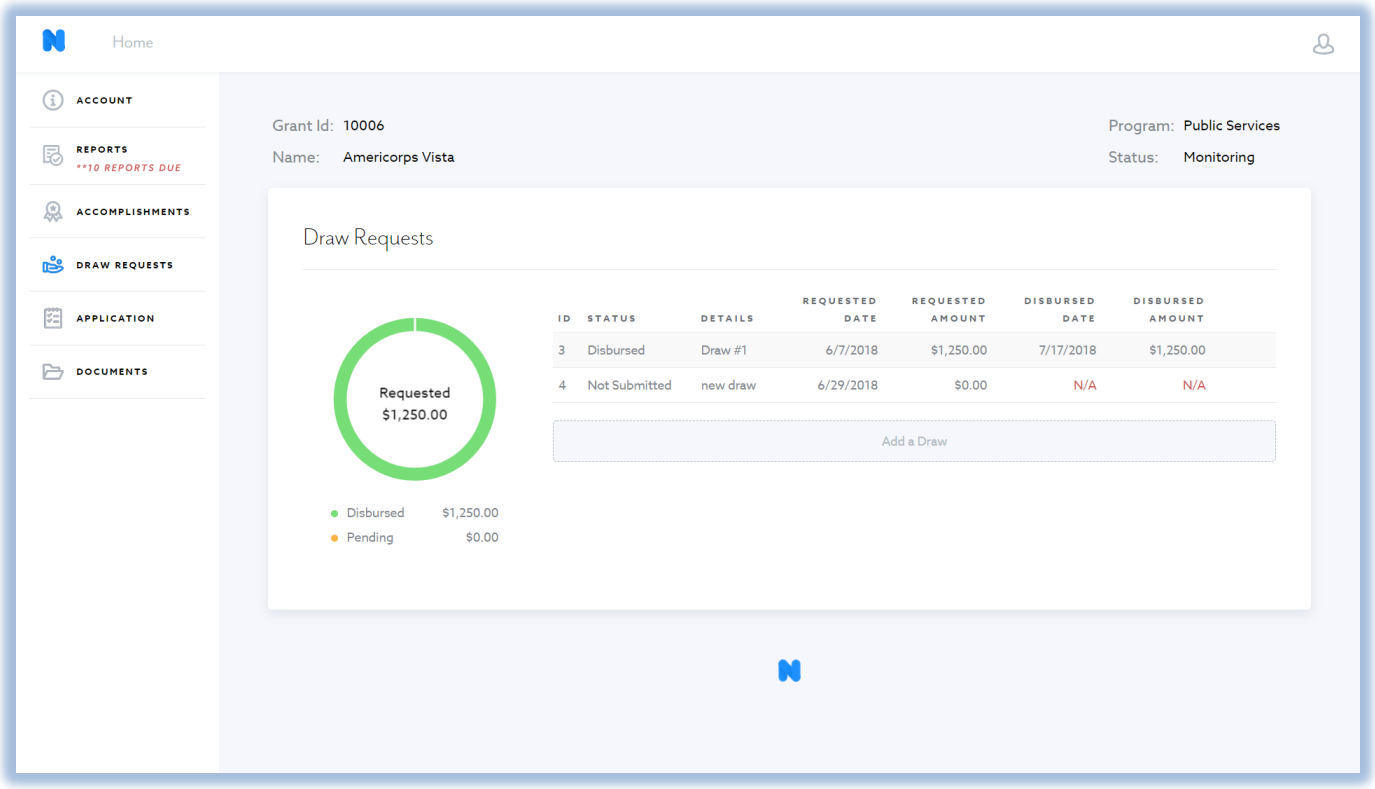


The Accomplishments screen provides a summary of Accomplishment data entered via Monthly and Annual Reports. Note that this screen is Read Only – accomplishment data can only be added/modified via the Monthly and Annual reports. Also note the scroll bar at the bottom of each section of Accomplishments to view multiple months.

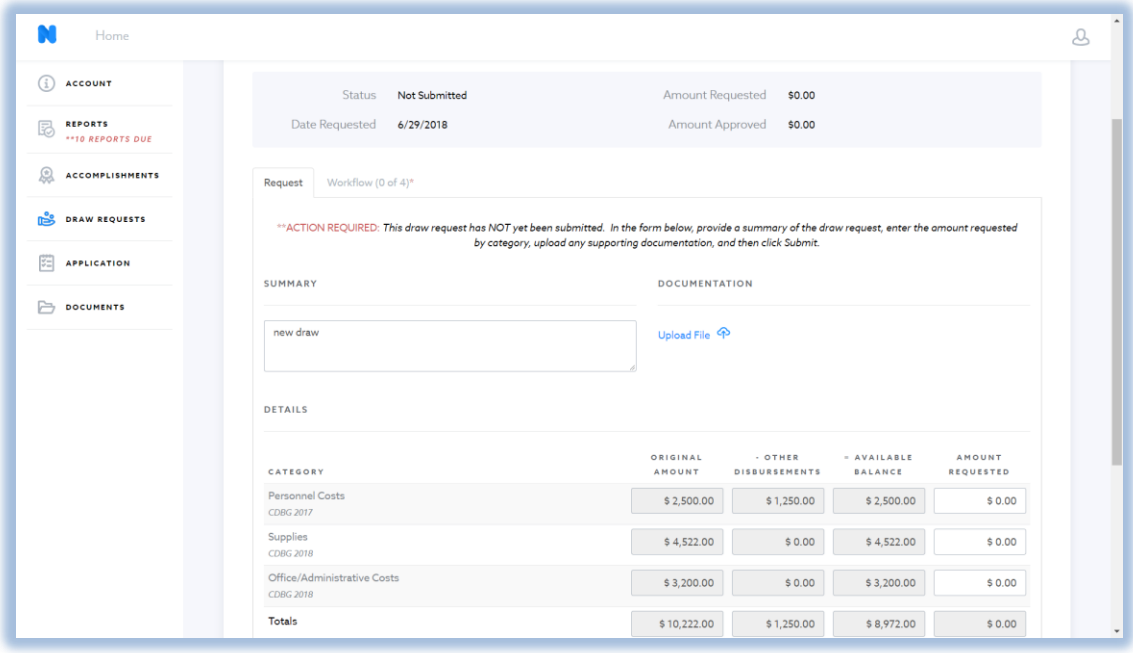


Submitting a Draw Request

The Draw Requests allows you to request draws from your remaining account balance. The initial screen is a summary of any existing draw requests and disbursement data. To view an existing draw, click on the  icon to the right of the draw. To create a new draw, click the “Add a Draw” link.

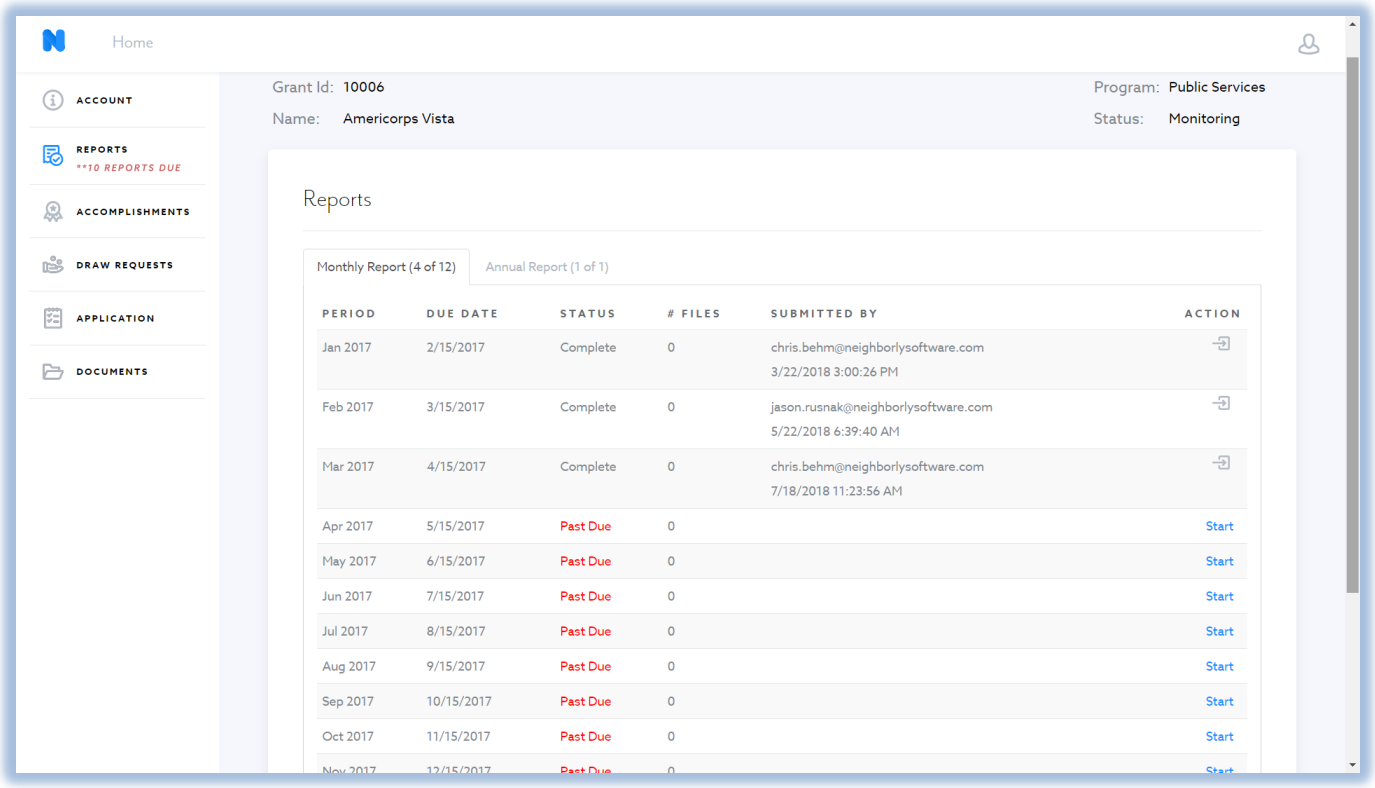


When requesting a draw, provide a brief description of the draw request, the amount requested by budget "Category", and attach any supporting documents as necessary. The draw request will be forwarded to the entitlement jurisdiction for review and approval/denial. You can track the draw request review process by clicking on the "Workflow" tab.



Completing Monthly/Quarterly/Annual Reports

The Reports tab will indicate if any reports are Due or Past Due. Once you click into the Reports section, you'll see a summary of reports, including tabs for Monthly, Quarterly and/or Annual Reports.



Click into a report by clicking the  icon to the right of the report, or start a new report by clicking the "Start" link. Note that Reports are not available to be started/completed until the reporting period has passed.

Once inside a report, you will see multiple tabs depending on your grant program. Usually there are at least 3 tabs – one for reporting Goal progress, one for Accomplishment data and one to certify and Submit. Complete each tab by clicking the Complete and Continue link at the bottom of the screen. You may also Save your work to return to the report at a later date. The report is not Complete and Submitted until all tabs are individually marked Complete.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)
A G E N D A

DATE/TIME: MONDAY, March 20, 2023
Regular Meeting

LOCATION: MANATEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MANATEE ROOM – 5th FLOOR
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

TELEPHONE: DEBBEE ASH
(941) 749-3029, ext. 3478
COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AHAC General Duties {420.9071(3)}:

- **Recommend specific initiatives and incentives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing as provided in s. 420.9076. (Incentives A through K)**
- **Main Objective: Review Comp Plan and LDC for barriers to affordable housing**

Purpose of AHAC 420.9076(4)

- **Annually, the advisory committee shall review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.**
- **The recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions; the creation of exceptions applicable to affordable housing; or the adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances, or plan provisions, including recommendations to amend the local government comprehensive plan and corresponding regulations, ordinances, and other policies.**

Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.

III. Declaration of a Quorum.

IV. Manatee County 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Presentation – Julia Vieira, Community and Veterans Services

V. Gap Financing – Rowena Elliott, Development Services.

VI. Review of required incentives A though K – as time allows.

VII. Reminder – Affordable Housing Special Meeting: March 21, 2023 – 9AM – 5:00PM. Location – Administration Building, Manatee Room – 5th Floor, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton 34205

VIII. Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 – 3:00PM – 5:00PM. Location - Administration Building, Manatee Room – 5th Floor, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton 34205.

IX. Member Comment

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjournment

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NOTE: Two (2) or more members of the Board of County Commissioners may plan to attend and participate in the above-referenced Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting.

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT
WE MAY DISAGREE, BUT WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF ONE ANOTHER
WE WILL DIRECT ALL COMMENTS TO ISSUES WE
WILL AVOID PERSONAL ATTACKS

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Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator
William E. Clague, County Attorney

Manatee County Administration Building
Manatee and Osprey Rooms, Fifth Floor
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton
9:00 A.M. - March 21, 2023

Board of County Commissioners
Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - Work Session/Special Meeting

This meeting can be viewed live on www.mymanatee.org/mga and on Manatee Government Access (MGA) Spectrum Channel 644, Verizon Channel 30, and Comcast Channel 20.

Written comments can be submitted at www.mymanatee.org/comment by **March 20, 2023, by 2:00 p.m.** Be sure to include your name and submit your remarks by the meeting deadline. Commissioners may not receive your comments before the meeting if the form is submitted after the deadline.

During the meeting, comments may be delivered in person in the Manatee and Osprey Rooms on the Fifth Floor at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION (The Commission does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introduction

- Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator, and Courtney De Pol, Development Services Director

2. Homelessness Update and Initiatives - Public Safety

- Presentation for Affordable Housing

3. Consolidated Planning - Community and Veterans Services

4. Affordable Housing - Development Services

- Livable Manatee
- Funding Strategies
- County-Owned Surplus Property

5. Community Land Trust - FHC Staff Members

- Presentation from the Florida Housing Coalition

6. Comprehensive Planning - Development Services

E. COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Commissioner Satcher

- Presentation by Hope Pathways/Align Consulting

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

G. ADJOURN

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MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, MANATEE ROOM
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
March 21, 2023

Meeting video link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA

Present were:

Kevin Van Ostenbridge, Chairman
Vanessa Baugh, First Vice-Chairman
Mike Rahn, Second Vice-Chairman
Amanda Ballard, Third Vice-Chairman
James A. Satcher, III (Entered during meeting)
George Kruse
Jason Bearden

Also present were:

Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator
Courtney De Pol, Development Services Director
William Clague, County Attorney
Hannah Bishop, Board Records, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chairman Van Ostenbridge called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Bearden, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Rahn.

AGENDA BC20230321DOC001

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Mike Meehan, Board Member of Our Daily Bread, provided a handout for the Commissioners to review, and requested funding be restored for Our Daily Bread.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments.

Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator, discussed the agenda for today. Last spring, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) made motions to be more intentional with Homelessness, and noted county-wide housing efforts

Courtney De Pol, Development Services Director, utilized a slide presentation to review the outline, the breakdown, Public Safety issues, homelessness, Data collection and analysis, service gap identification and policy recommendations, case management, access to healthcare, behavioral health, social services, emergency planning and solutions, community collaboration, non-profit funding, Community and Veterans Services, human services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Planning and Grant distribution, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, down payment assistance, homeowner rehab and replacement, criminal justice coordination, veteran and senior-specific programming, non-profit funding, Development Services, land and building initiatives, affordable housing, funding strategies, projects, development incentives, County-owned surplus property, community land trusts,

comprehensive planning, land development code (LDC), and introduced the first presenter of the day, Maria Santos, Homeless Policy Coordinator, Public Safety Department.

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2. **HOMELESSNESS UPDATE AND INITIATIVES**

Maria Santos, Homeless Policy Coordinator, Public Safety Department, utilized a slide presentation reviewing Homelessness Snapshot and Initiatives, thanked all the social workers in Manatee County, the timeline, BCC held special session to discuss homelessness, homeless policy coordinator hired, creating the homeless task force, Public Safety holds administrative responsibilities of homeless-related contracts, data collection, interviews, and observations completed, first annual community conversation, key finds and trends, operating in "Silos," gaps and duplications in services, one size fits all approach in the County, Case workers are drowning in cases across Manatee County, for example, one case worker has over 120 open cases, specific populations, unique needs, high caseloads, limited resources, health services targeted strategies, elimination of non-profit silos, a robust web of resources, rooted in systems perspective, data-informed programs and initiatives, increase quality and quantity, current public safety initiatives, County liaison for Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) study, creation of the Manatee County homeless task force, social work field placement creation, community conversation yearly summit kickoff, application for federal grants that target mental health, addiction, and homelessness, organizations across Manatee County holding community goals, key needs, lead the way in strategic planning and roadmap execution, strengthen current public-private partnerships for roadmap execution, leverage federal and State monies to invest in data-identified gaps in services, use a data-drive approach to continuously invest in a housing-focused system, and introduced the Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) team, Amanda Rosado and Amanda Wander.

(Enter Commissioner Satcher)

FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION (FHC) STUDY

Amanda Rosado, Chief Operating Officer, and Amanda Wander, Ending Homelessness Team Director, utilized a slide presentation reviewing the FHC study, Manatee County roadmap to addressing homelessness, working with the County until the rest of this year, project timeline, started in September, community and stakeholder engagement, stakeholder interviews, 27 completed interviews, lived experience surveys, 11 respondents, lived experience focus groups, four completed including one Spanish speaking, with a total of 21 participants, stakeholder and provider surveys, 98 respondents, 28 percent experience homelessness, components of an effective housing crisis response system, continuum of care (COC), outreach and coordinated entry, prevention and diversion, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing is one of the key aspects of this report, key terms, Manatee is a part of a two-county COC (FL-500), including Sarasota and Manatee Counties, COC Lead Agency, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless households, the responsibilities include, applying for HUD COC, and DCF homelessness funding on behalf of the COC coverage area, oversees implementation of coordinated entry system and use of homeless management information system (HMIS), both of which are HUD mandates to receive HUD, COC, and ESG funding (chart provided on page 14 of presentation), flow of funding for homelessness services (chart provided on page 15 of presentation), government entities receive allocated funds, amounts of funding, 2022 system funding (chart provided on page 16 of presentation), recommendations for implementation, timeline starting this year, and through 2026, recommendation 1.1, develop the Manatee homeless taskforce as a standing committee to the COC committee structure, and strategies.

Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander continued the slide presentation reviewing coordinated entry and by-name list data, 2018-2022 housed and actively homeless, 85 inactive due to self-resolve/lost contract, 572 people assessed since 2018, 424 still need housing, 63 housed, coordinated entry purpose, assess and triage, most vulnerable for assistance with standardized assessment tool, collect data on real-time homeless population needs, manage dynamic waitlist for referrals to programs, locally referred to as one-by-one, current access points, outreach purpose, engage unsheltered living on the streets, encampments, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation, build rapport and maintain contact, assess and refer for services and housing, current providers, recommendation 2.1, implement a coordinated outreach approach among all outreach providers, and strategies.

Discussion ensued regarding the meaning of self-resolve, the Suncoast partnership to end homelessness is the COC, local service providers apply for the HUD funds in Sarasota, the funds location, and updates to the congressional map due to population increases.

Upon question, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander responded that the funding would be through the HUD program. The funds that are dedicated to Sarasota programs through HUD are for housing. Multiple providers are applying for the funds. It is the capacity of providers to disburse the funds, and they do not have the answer to the maps being changed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Suncoast Partnership and understanding the COC.

Upon question, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander responded that the community appoints the lead agent, and is done within the COC governance structure. It depends on the money the County puts in towards the COC.

Discussion ensued regarding the agenda that has been brought forth today, and understanding the study.

Mr. Washington noted that there is a member in the audience to speak on HUD funding.

Tara Booker, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, explained that the reason Manatee County agencies have not received funding is because they have not applied for HUD funding.

Kathleen Cramer, Turning Points Executive Director, reported the organization receives funding from the COC, and there is an administrative burden in applying for HUD funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the HUD funds, Sarasota County using funds, and why Manatee County has not applied for these funds.

Upon question, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander responded the main reason is the administrative burden in applying for the funds, the more you can streamline the funds and process, the better the process would be, and a lot of providers do not have the capacity to apply for HUD.

Discussion ensued regarding the County's portion of HUD funds, providers not having the time or resources in applying for HUD funding, how Sarasota County applies, non-profit agencies are not working together, and requesting a non-profit liaison.

Upon question, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander stated the study that is provided is included and covered typically, it is individual service providers applying through the COC, Sarasota has better capacity and experience in receiving the HUD funds, the County's role in government can invest in these funds, Manatee County does not have the staff to apply for the HUD funds.

Mr. Washington stated that the Public Safety department is doing a good job so far, but needs to review this process further.

Julie Showers, Program Director, Salvation Army of Manatee County, confirmed the organization is overburdened, and does have other resources in the community as Sarasota County.

Joy Jewett, Deputy, Homeless Outreach Officer, stated the task force is maxed out in resource partnerships.

Discussion continued regarding HUD, funding sources, being more strategic with services, partnerships, and non-profits, strategic with how the funds are being allocated, Ms. Santos is a great asset and employee for this concern, the County makes it easy to be homeless, need to address underlying reasons for homelessness, need another option than rapid rehousing, non-profits not working together and that needs to change, programs that are currently established, the purpose of the study, Community Land Trust, and initiative ensuring all agencies work together

Mr. Washington mentioned that the County has to do a better job, and this Board asked for this presentation and study to be conducted.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 10:23 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. All Commissioners present.

Upon question, Ms. Santos responded that non-profit service providers, have to have an executive serve on the Homeless Taskforce Board, they held the first ever community conversation across all contracted and non-contracted non-profits between Manatee and Sarasota County, reviewed housing collaboration, Suncoast Partnership to End Homeless launched the project, the name of the project is Suncoast Housing Collaborative, and the purpose is to go in and find vacant properties to help provide housing.

Ms. Rosado and Ms. Wander continued the slide presentation reviewing recommendation 2.2, increase the effectiveness of coordinated entry in Manatee County, strategies, current state of homeless prevention and diversion, the purpose provides assistance to help households retain the unit they currently rent, payment of rent and utility arrears, average cost per household is $5,000 to $8,000, current providers, the purpose of diversion is through conversation, identifying existing natural supports, and one-time flexible funds, avoid households entering shelters whenever possible, coverage by flexible funding, car repair or childcare to get back to work, medical bills, food costs to stay with family or friends, fee to stay in room under non-traditional lease, current participants, recommendation 3.1, offers flexible funding to help divert households from entering the homeless response system and into stable living situations, strategies, recommendation 3.2, establishes a permanent Rental Assistance Program (RAP), strategies, current state of emergency shelter and transitional housing, the purpose of emergency shelter provides immediate, short-term, and low-barrier shelter with access to life-saving, and housing-focused services, current providers, the purpose of transitional housing provides longer stays, than emergency shelter with

intensive support services and basic needs, ideal for behavioral health, young adults, domestic violence, as well as families in a housing crisis, current providers, recommendation 4.1, supports low-barrier, housing-focused emergency shelter, and transitional housing programs, strategies, current state of rapid rehousing (RRH), the purpose is to assist those who are literally homeless through short and medium-term rental assistance, utilities, deposits, housing location, and case management, households lease units in the community, rather than at a specific site, 283 people need RRH today, successful implementation contingent on available housing stock and landlord participation, current providers, coordinated entry assessment score of four to seven indicates needs for RRH, recommendation 5.1, expands the capacity of existing RRH programming to adequately address the needs of the current households on the one-by-one list waiting for assistance, current state of permanent supportive housing (PSH), the purpose combines affordable permanent housing with access to flexible support services and no preconditions, intended for those with long lengths of time homeless and disabling conditions, PSH builds up a household's ability to reintegrate into the community and reduces unsheltered homelessness, average cost per household, per year is between $15,000 to $20,000, current providers, 137 people need PSH today, recommendation 6.1, invests in permanent supportive housing (PSH) through scattered-site leasing and affordable housing development for chronically homeless households, and next steps April through December 2023, monthly taskforce meetings, preparation of action plans for each recommendation, gain partner buy-in and assign action items to partners, provide monthly updates, assist taskforce in identifying funding opportunities for recommendations, and assist taskforce by providing examples of a successful program structures and implementations.

(Depart Chairman Van Ostenbridge; First Vice-Chairman Baugh presiding)

Discussion ensued regarding property taxes, incentives for property owners to waive first and last month rent for rentals, and ad valorem tax abatements (HB 327/ SB 102).

Upon question, Commissioner Kruse stated waiving the first and last month rent for rentals is currently not an option. Senate Bill 102 that just passed, and House Bill 627 that will be passed soon, have ad valorem tax abatements for affordable housing, which allows, but does not require municipalities and counties to waive the ad valorem tax abatements.

Discussion ensued regarding establishing emergency shelters immediately, temporary and transitional housing with services, reducing the homeless on the streets, establishing local ordinances, American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds could be used to address homelessness, reviewed a Discovery Study, Comprehensive Plan regarding homelessness, enforcing certain policies and services, the need for a camping ordinance, other developments such as Robin's Apartments, Salvation Army overburdened, and needing another location, and reviewing homeless rates and break it down by categories.

(Enter Chairman Van Ostenbridge; presiding)

Ms. Rosado noted, funding sources are mentioned in the plan, but she is pleased that ARP funding was brought up to be reviewed. Development costs are very high right now, and they are reviewing financing options.

Ms. Santos reviewed the recommended motions with the Board before taking action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh, seconded by Commissioner Kruse, and carried 7-0, to appoint Commissioner Ballard as the Homeless Task Force Liaison.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Baugh, and carried 7-0, to appoint Commissioner Ballard to sit on the Homeless Task Force Board.

Due to Commissioner Ballard being appointed as the Homeless Task Force Liaison, she would be the designated County liaison for homeless related issues, and would regularly meet with City of Bradenton.

Commissioner Satcher suggested the County's scope should be limited on who should be helped, and tracking agencies.

Discussion ensued regarding limiting the scope, being more effective helping Manatee County residents, prioritizing the needs, reviewing organizations that are successful or struggling, consider partnering with the Salvation Army to make it more successful, certain applications being utilized and the process, getting the word out to non-profits, recommendation to get non-profits to utilize the system, and lack of training for applying for grants.

Upon question, Ms. Santos responded that most non-profits use access points and need to be a part of the COC. There is a cost continuance that goes along with using the COC. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), provides a lot of information that contains data and is the HUD required software for COC, to adopt in accordance with the reporting standards. In order to have all non-profits utilize the system, it comes down to training, learning, and explaining the system and the process.

Ms. Booker clarified that the management of federal funds and the capacity to implement the programs from the funds is a concern. She commented on the HMIS platform, and customization. Suncoast initiates the system, but there are certain requirements for the system per HUD. Suncoast has employees who are designated in certain areas to review and allocate the funds. Sarasota funds are designated for housing, general funds, and a case manager to help with homeless. Citizens call the provided line, and if concerns cannot be addressed, the access is utilized to get the help that is needed. The non-profits have to write the grant. HUD has the funding broken up into COC's, and offers incentives to have Counties join together. The COC funds are not restricted to Sarasota County, as funds go to both Sarasota and Manatee. BC20230321DOC003

3. **CONSOLIDATED PLANNING**

(Depart Chairman Van Ostenbridge; First Vice-Chairman Baugh presiding)

Julia Vieira, Community Development Project Manager, utilized a slide presentation reviewing Consolidated Planning, the five year U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) consolidated plan, community driven plan designed to assess affordable housing and community development needs, provides a blueprint for decisions, on how to allocate federal funds over a five year period, identify priority needs, develop goals to address priority needs, implement projects that accomplish goals, carried out through annual action plans, Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), housing programs, public facilities/infrastructure improvements, public/social service projects, FY23/24 $1,847,283 annual allocation, previous FYs establish $100,000 still unencumbered, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing, $157,064 annual allocation for FY23/24, Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program, housing construction, rehabilitation, or demolition of dilapidated housing, tenant-based rental assistance, homeowner assistance for FY23/24 $682,570 annual allocation, previous FYs establish $500,000 still unencumbered, HOME American Rescue plan (HOME-

ARP), non-congregate shelter, activities must assist qualifying populations, FY21/22 $2,362,768 one-time allocation, ESG Coronavirus/Cares Act (ESG-CV), prepare or respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic, FY19/20 $2,250,170 one-time allocation, the Consolidated Plan Survey, assessment meetings preliminary results, food, transportation, critical home repairs (elder support), medical/dental care assistance, special needs assistance (persons with disabilities, mental health concerns, and substance abuse issues), re-entry assistance, tenant/landlord training, self-sufficiency/job skills training, public infrastructure (road repairs), east and north County service gaps due to growth, alternative affordable housing options (missing middle, etc.), permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, next steps for the five year Consolidated Plan, consultation and needs assessment phase meetings held in February and March of 2023, draft document available in June or July after 30-day comment period, Board of County Commissioners public hearing will be in July or August, and submittal to HUD will be in mid-August.

Discussion ensued regarding the needs section slide and self-sufficiency/job skills training.

Upon question, Ms. Vieira responded CDBG funds could be used for self-sufficiency/job skills training.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, to authorize the County Administrator to draft a letter of intent to sub-award Manatee County's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc., Continuum of Care for the up-coming 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, and carried 5-1, with Commissioner Satcher voting nay and Chairman Van Ostenbridge absent.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion, concerns, and working with COC to make sure County funds stay within the County.

There being no public comments, First Vice-Chairman Baugh closed public comments.

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RECESS/RECONVENE: 12:06 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners present.

4. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Rowena Elliott, Affordable Housing Development Coordinator, and Courtney De Pol, Development Services Director, utilized a slide presentation reviewing Affordable Housing topics, background, definition, cost of housing is 30 percent or less of a families gross income, housing aimed at households earning 120 percent of the area's median income (AMI) or below, Manatee County's AMI is $90,400, rental/income and homeownership/income graph (provided on page 49 of presentation), recent changes to the program, coordinator moved from Community and Veteran Services to Development Services, neighborly platform used for affordable housing designation process, Affordable Housing Rapid Response (AHRR) designation in Acela with expedited review times, one hour completeness review meetings with developers/applicants, prioritize staff discussion at weekly staff meetings, reserved time slot to schedule pre-application meetings faster, units constructed 2017-2021, Livable Manatee Incentive Program established in 2017 (chart provided on page 51 of presentation), projects for 2022-2023, and approved, pending, and anticipated projects total of 1,896 affordable units, which is more than twice the units than in the prior five years.

Livable Manatee

Ms. Elliott, continued the slide presentation reviewing Livable Manatee Incentives (Rental), if at least 25 percent of the units in the development are affordable, 81 percent to 120 percent AMI, expedited review and permitting, density bonus, site improvements, Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) term is 20 years, 80 percent and below AMI, same as 81 percent to 120 percent AMI plus, review fee deferral/waived, Tree Trust Fund, bulk/dimensional standards, transfer of development rights, Certificate of Level of Service (CLOS) extension, and all impact fees and FIF paid by County funds, LURA term broken down, Livable Manatee Incentives (Homeownership), if at least 25 percent of units in the development are affordable, expedited review and permitting, review fee deferral/waived, Tree Trust Fund, bulk/dimensional standards, transfer of development rights, CLOS extension, density bonus, site improvements, all impact fees and FIF paid by County, LURA term is 30 years, the maximum sale prices, some incentives apply to affordable units only, and financial incentives subject to funds availability.

Discussion ensued regarding rentals make more sense in regard to cost effectiveness, homeownership percentage of Livable Manatee incentives, and housing concerns.

Upon question, Ms. Elliott responded few developers utilize infill and are coming forward with subdivisions, and 150 percent is geared towards homeownership.

Funding Strategies

Ms. Elliott and Ms. De Pol continued the slide presentation reviewing current Funding Strategies, Southwest (SW) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, $750,000 allocated annually, affordable housing subsidy fund, $3.8 million currently available, no current allocation from General Fund, surplus properties, and governed by Florida Statute 125.379.

Discussion ensued regarding use of SWTIF district funding.

Upon question, Ms. De Pol and Ms. Elliott stated that the funds can go beyond the $750,000 allocation. This is just what is already allocated.

Discussion ensued regarding surplus land has to be looked at to be deemed what is usable, and required criteria to make determination for affordable housing, Florida Statute 12.379, and all surplus land having to be reviewed for affordable housing.

Upon question, Ms. Elliott responded that all surplus land goes through a set process and is always considered and reviewed for affordable housing.

Discussion continued regarding surplus land, Lena Road surplus property, basic criteria, the understanding of the use of surplus land, Affordable Housing Trust Fund is being utilized by other jurisdictions averaging $5 to $15 million, and GAP funding is not worth the risk.

William Clague, County Attorney, clarified it is not mandated, and every three years the County must identify suitable lands. He pointed out that using public funds to provide public housing can create financial risks.

Discussion continued regarding surplus land, understanding the constitutional issue with other housing developments, and whether the placement of affordable housing would affect the value of adjacent property.

Upon question, Ms. De Pol responded that the Lena property is an interesting example to be using.

Ms. Elliott and Ms. De Pol continued the slide presentation reviewing possible additional funding sources, trust fund, interest-bearing account, could receive annual allocations and serve as primary holding account, CDBG, for new construction or County initiated public projects in an area where affordable housing projects are located (i.e. sidewalks, water, and sewer improvements), HOME program funds, for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancements, or rental assistance, security deposits, available for new construction, site acquisition, improvements, home buyer assistance, County millage allocation, and documentary stamp tax, both of these funding options can be used for the ongoing support of all affordable housing programs.

Discussion ensued regarding the trust fund, and other Counties utilizing these funds.

Upon question, Ms. Elliott responded that every jurisdiction utilizes the funds. Manatee County currently is the only County who does not utilize these funds. These funds would be considered a holding account.

Discussion ensued regarding the trust fund, understanding and the purpose, County allocated funds, understanding the requirements, keeping the funds local, documentary stamp tax, and possible additional funding sources.

Ms. Elliott and Ms. De Pol continued the slide presentation reviewing Gap Financing, meant to be the last option before permitting construction, must show financial commitments from all other sources, application under development, evaluates developer's experience, financial status, development criteria, public commitment, frequency of application submittal period, options, continual open review, quarterly/semi-annual/annual request for application (RFA), in the past six months, have received six gap funding requests, funding available, annual allocation for the applications, maximum allocation amount per project, and terms (may be dependent on source).

Discussion ensued regarding understanding the application process/review, checking accuracy of the application, and the auditing review process.

Upon question, Ms. Elliott responded that the developer or applicant has to submit certain requirements before moving forward in the review process, making sure they are within the guidelines.

Mr. Clague noted every government and local agency struggles with this concern in using funding, and there is always risk being taken. He stated that is why the County brought in an outside source, to help with the application and review process. The right staff members, and sources are in place with the process.

Discussion ensued regarding understanding the application process/review, recourse allowed, approval/thoughts of the process, ways to review the process and applications, understanding the lean/return of funds, being the last option, the idea was to help facilitate developers with building, not to be treated as a lean, but a loan, the current concerns in Manatee County, surplus properties, Gap Financing not being a priority currently, and whether the funds are being returned or not, at the end of each project.

Mr. Clague mentioned that the Board directed his office to guide staff and establish a protocol for the process.

Upon question, Chairman Van Ostenbridge responded the return may or may not happen, depending on each application and project.

Mr. Clague noted the chances of the County getting the money returned are next to nothing, and reiterated that there is risk in this funding. This County is not the only jurisdiction feeling the pressure of this role.

Ms. De Pol discussed partnering with Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAGG) to streamline the application and review process, and take under consideration reviewing and accepting applications during a certain time period. This is a temporary solution.

County-Owned Surplus Property

Ms. Elliott and Ms. De Pol, continued the slide presentation reviewing County-owned Surplus Properties, shared a graph and aerial map of properties and locations (provided on slide 14 of the presentation), the ones in green are surplus, but not yet disposed, the ones in yellow are surplus and advertised for sale, each property must go through the processes that have been put in place, staff has been working on a new process, for how each property needs to be developed, before anything can be done with County owned properties, they must go through surplus, and sale of surplus properties allocated to the subsidy or trust fund account.

Discussion ensued regarding the surplus properties in presentation, listed properties are scattered vacant parcels, which can be developed, some of the lots were deeded to non-profits, staff would like to build units on them, Lena Road property, and allocating an additional 0.1 mill to affordable housing.

Ms. Elliott explained that the properties are scattered throughout the County, only one has been combined. Staff had been asked to split the properties for lot purposes, and most of these properties are small lots. Staff is not seeking developers to build on these properties. Some of these properties are tax liens, and could be considered to be used for affordable housing. This list was provided by Property Management, to potentially see if the properties can be used for affordable housing or a different housing concern.

Mr. Clague noted the presenters do not keep track of all the surplus properties. There are other staff members who keep track of properties.

Chairman Van Ostenbridge requested a full list of surplus properties.

Discussion continued regarding the surplus properties, more properties that the County owns that are not being shown in this presentation, the Board should be informed of when surplus lands are sold, so they can decide where to allocate the funds, and defining success.

Ms. Elliott and Ms. De Pol continued the slide presentation reviewing the recommended motions.

Mr. Clague stated that a resolution and a LURA are required. This happened in 2021, and is a little bit more complicated than the recommended motion.

Nicole Knapp, Comprehensive Planning Division Manager and Impact Fee Administrator, mentioned adoption of 11.06 of the Land Development Code (LDC), April 18, 2023 is the workshop to discuss impact fees, and would be the appropriate time to discuss this concern.

Discussion ensued regarding gap financing, lowering taxes, general funds, allocating funds, redoing the millage, government programs, several current projects with the unknown status, units in the works for affordable housing, the current population of Manatee County, and citizens moving here each year.

Upon question, Ms. Elliott responded that these projects are since the last fiscal year. Several projects that just recently broke ground are using the funds.

Upon question, Ms. De Pol responded that the $750,000 is already allocated with the SWTIF District. Surplus funds are a revenue source. The Board can decide if the proceeds from the sales of the surplus lands go towards affordable housing funds.

Discussion ensued regarding gap financing, the Board needs some control and flexibility, not a dedicated fund, discussion to create a different fund allocation, for affordable housing to make it possible to have developers build and provide cheaper homes, the merit of the projects, understanding and the uses of the TIF funding, the financial return, citizens living closer to work for commute purposes, not a financial situation, the purpose of the millage, and staff is asking for a formalized process to distribute GAP funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, to direct financial management staff to bring back a budget with a 0.1 mill of the existing millage be go into a Housing Trust Fund. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Mr. Clague stated that other Counties have been reviewed, but the County did not want to compete. The Board was asked to consider different transactions. Staff is asking if there should be a formalized process or keep it as an open submission process. Each transaction has to be presented to the Board for approval. There has been fair housing lawsuits in the past few years.

Discussion ensued regarding the two current Gap Financing projects, needing to establish the program in place, so a lawsuit does not happen, concerns with creating the guidelines, an application that meets all the requirements could cause more concerns for approval, and could rank each project and then decide based off of each projects ranking.

Mr. Clague stated that using a rank program, could work and not be punished. There is room for discretion. If you do it right and follow the templates established in other local governments. There is more concern when the formal process is not being followed.

Discussion continued regarding the application process and review, proceed with a legal analysis on the two pending projects and reassess, reasonable expectations during the application period, former Gap loans, ARP funds, the possibility of continuing this funding, reimburse and waiving fees, the administer process with this funding, Sarasota County stopping their Gap Funding, housing concerns with affordability, changing the name from program to criteria, and work with individual Commissioners on their criteria desires.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Chairman Van Ostenbridge to direct staff to finalize the Gap Financing criteria and guidelines, administrative procedures, and application process; and draft a Resolution, and present to the Board for approval.

Glen Gibellina expressed concern that the County is short 40,000 affordable housing units, and the needs for GAP funding.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments.

Discussion ensued regarding rental prices are not affordable, allowing the private market to use these opportunities, inflation will not last forever, there is a high need for workforce housing, other options outside of GAP funding, impact fees should be considered, Chairman Van Ostenbridge noted the importance of being have to be covered legally, before making a motion, should have the correct information and backing by a full vote, and not in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh, seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 7-0, to call the question.

The motion carried 4-3, with Commissioners Bearden, Baugh, and Satcher voting nay.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments.

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RECESS/RECONVENE: 3:44 p.m. – 3:56 p.m. All Commissioners present.

5. **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator, introduced the agenda item and the team from Florida Housing Coalition, Ashon Nesbitt CEO, Florida Housing Coalition, and Matthew Wyman, Community Land Trust Institute Manager Florida Housing Coalition.

(Depart Chairman Van Ostenbridge; First Vice-Chairman Baugh Presiding)

Ashon Nesbitt CEO, Florida Housing Coalition utilized a slide presentation reviewing Community Land Trust (CLT), Sadowski Trust Fund was establish in 1992, consists of two trust funds, State Housing and Local Government Housing Trust Fund, funded by a portion of documentary stamp taxes collected on real estate transactions, collections in the trust funds are directly tied to the real estate market, the hotter the real estate market, the more money in the affordable housing trust funds, new era for the funds, funding in SB 102/HB 627, proposes a record of $811 million for affordable housing programs (see graph on slide presentation), fully funded and more, SB 102/ HB 627 full funds the trust fund programs, provides an extra $150 million/year for ten years for the SAIL program, up to $100 million/year for SAIL through the new Live Local Tax Donation (LTD) program, up to $100 million not used on inflation response program for FY23/24 for SAIL, this does not include the value of the new local property tax incentives for certain affordable housing developments, how the extra $150 million a year for 10 years for SAIL will be spent, FHFC will have the discretion to issue RFPs for this $150 million, local governments, developers, and advocates should follow the FHFC RFP process and start planning for local projects to support, new local option property tax incentive, SB 102/ HB 627 authorizes local governments to provide property tax exemptions for specified affordable housing developments, tax exemptions only apply to the affordable units, eligible developments, contain at least 50 or more units, at least 20 percent of the units affordable to households at or below 60 percent AMI, property tax exemptions allowed are based on the percent of

affordability, less than 100 percent of the units are affordable, up to 75 percent property tax exemption, 100 percent of the units are affordable, up to 100 percent property tax exemption, exemption authorized by City or County expires before the fourth January 1, after adoption, can be renewed after expiration, new automatic property tax exemptions, land owned entirely by a nonprofit and leased for a period of 99 years for providing affordable housing to up to moderate-income households, multi-family developments of more than 70 affordable units for households up to moderate-income, units that serve households 80 to 120 percent AMI, automatic 75 percent property tax exemption, units that serve households less than 80 percent AMI, automatic 100 percent property tax exemption, using publicly-owned land for affordable housing, Florida Statute 125.379/166.0451 Florida's surplus land laws, requires every city and county to identify publicly-owned lands that are "appropriate for use as affordable housing, State Bill (SB) 102/ House Bill (HB) 627 amends these statutes, newly apply to all depends special districts, including Congressional Review Act (CRA), requires local government to post their affordable housing inventory list online, encourages local governments to adopt best practices, establishing eligibility criteria for the receipt or purchase of surplus land by developers, making the process for requesting surplus land publicly available, ensuring long-term affordability through ground leases by retaining the right of first refusal to purchase property, preemptions in SB 102/ HB 627, rent control prohibited, land use preemption for certain affordable housing developments in commercial and industrial zones, and new Florida Statute 125.01055 (7)/ 166.04151 (7).

Discussion ensued regarding the County not regulating use, density, or height, if a rental project is multi-family or mixed-use residential.

Mr. Nesbitt responded the requirement is the maximum height has to be given, and is allowed, and have to allow the use and the maximum density. He continued the slide presentation reviewing Land use preemption, affordable housing in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use zones, a local government cannot regulate the use, density, or height of an affordable housing development, if the proposed rental project does not meet certain requirements, multi-family or mixed-use residential in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed-use, at least 40 percent of units are affordable for households up to 120 percent AMI for at least 30 years, if mixed-use, at least 65 percent is residential, local government cannot require a development, authorized under this preemption to obtain a zoning/land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, or Comprehensive Plan amendment for use, density, or height, affordable housing developments allowed under these preemptions are entitled, highest density allowed on any land in the City or County, where residential development is allowed, highest currently allowed height, for a commercial or residential development within one mile of the proposed development, or three stories, whichever is higher, additional provisions, all other State and local laws apply, examples would be setbacks, parking, concurrency, maximum lot coverage, environmental all still apply –all of which can indirectly limit density and height, if a proposed project satisfies the existing Low Density Residential (LDRs) and Comprehensive Plan, project must be administratively approved, Local Government (LGs) must consider reducing parking requirements, if project within one-half mile of a major transit stop, local governments taking action on the land use preemption, start by studying the City or County's commercially zoned sites that could utilize this new statutory tool, what to examine, future land use maps and zoning codes, height and density regulations, other zoning barriers, questions needing to be asked, "HB 1339" (2020) land use tool amended, Florida Statute 125.01055(6)/166.04151 (6), currently allow local government to approve affordable housing developments on any parcel for a residential, commercial, or industrial use without needing a rezoning or Comprehensive Plan amendment, what SB 102/ HB 627 do, strikes out "residential", removes the prohibition on State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) funded projects, encouraging local governments to

adopt best practices, Section 26 of the bill has several provisions, these provisions may form the basis of preemptions in future Legislative sessions, these provisions include, "Local government shall provide incentives to encourage the private sector to be the primary delivery vehicle for the development of affordable housing." (lines 1927-1929), "Local governments should consider and implement innovative solutions, innovative solutions include: (lines 1937-1957), "Utilizing publicly held land to develop affordable housing", "Community-led planning that focuses on urban infill, flexible zoning, redevelopment of commercial property into mixed-use property", "Project features that maximize efficiency in land and resource use, such as high density, high rise, and mixed-use.", "Modern housing concepts such as manufactured homes, tiny homes, 3D-printed homes, and accessory dwelling units.", other policies in SB 102/ HB 627 affecting local government, requires to post expediting permitting procedures online, and precludes State funding for housing to local governments, whose Comprehensive Plans have been found not in compliance with Chapter 163.

 Matthew Wyman, Community Land Trust Institute Manager Florida Housing Coalition continued the slide presentation reviewing the Community Land Trust Establishment Options, affordability assessment and needs analysis, 2019 and 2022, housing affordability cost burden (provided two different charts/tables in slide presentation), housing costs vs income (chart provided in presentation), housing need in Manatee County, shortage of housing for those most in need, only 26 affordable and available rental units for every 100 extremely low-income renters, down from 34 in 2019, current there is a need for nearly 11,000 additional rental units affordable to households earning up to 50 percent of the AMI, existing stock at risk, nearly 1,600 affordable rental units to be lost by 2043 (provided chart on page 23 of slide presentation), Community Land Trust (CLT), the definition of CLT, captures public investment and retains it with the housing unit for permanent affordability using a ground lease, newly formed or organizing (provided breakdown chart on slide 26 how CLT works for homeownership and rental development, how local governments in Florida partner with CLTs), surplus lands program, neighborhood revitalization, inclusionary housing policies, rental development, partnerships to maximize use of surplus land for affordable housing, Port St. Lucie homeownership program, CLT strategy options in Manatee County, critical CLT questions, CLT Option 1, non-profit homeownership, Option 1.A would be to start a new independent non-profit advantages, can operate as a housing developer and be eligible to receive funding from public resources, considerations, starting a new CLT can take longer than other options, building support for a new organization requires extensive community engagement, can be demanding on staff and resources, challenges can be mitigated if an existing organization in good standing starts/operates CLT, and CLT of Palm Beach County is a good example.

 Mr. Wyman continued the slide presentation reviewing Option 1.B, utilizing an existing organization advantages with a proven track record, ability to scale up operation quickly, existing relationships and connections to secure resources, could lessen administrative burden on County Staff, considerations, existing independent non-profit examples, Option 2 examples (provided in slide presentation), advantages, easier and faster to start a new program than establish a new corporation, upfront costs, existing Staff capacity, each project is governed by a separate trust agreement through which the County can have more control over project specifications, program could serve as incubator for a stronger independent CLT later on, considerations, CLT program requires a long-term commitment, summary of Options, Options 1.A or .B, CLT (new and existing), Option 2, County Lead Land Trust, CLT options, budgeting comparison, Delray Beach CLT, breakdown of revenue sources (see chart in presentation), initial operating budget estimates (see chart in presentation), to meet the administrative, stewardship, and development demands of the operation, Options 1.B and 2

assume at least one to two educated, and experienced full-time equivalents, will be required and a proportion of the other expenses listed, will be charged to CLT activities, critical CLT questions, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

(Enter Chairman Van Ostenbridge)

Mr. Clague questioned the procurement, the land identified, or simply put, if anybody is interested in coming into the County.

Upon question, Mr. Wyman responded most cases have already identified land and establishing developed land. The recommendation is to draft the infrastructure of a future CLT, and determine if there are existing organizations, operating in the County with the capacity to operate a CLT, or to establish a new independent non-profit, to operate the CLT, or issue a request for qualifications, to select an existing non-profit organization to operate the CLT.

Mr. Clague questioned if the Board wants to utilize Option 1.B, is it realistic for the Board to identify a sweep of funding, and this use this way to make the non-profit move forward.

Discussion ensued regarding setting up a CLT like Port Manatee, and wasn't done before, could be due to staffing, and lack of appetite for a CLT.

Mr. Clague noted there is a handbook on the Florida Housing Coalition regarding the establishment of a non-profit. This would be very time consuming and expensive instead of taking a market approach.

Upon question, Mr. Wyman and Mr. Nesbitt explained their roles, and establishing the entire infrastructure, regardless of the direction the Board decides to go.

Discussion ensued regarding the land trust, establishing and putting this into place.

Mr. Clague noted that there has not been a decision point or land being ready available. The Board needs to give himself and Mr. Washington direction.

Mr. Washington noted he agreed with the County attorney, not having a full appetite to establish this land trust. The County has not gotten this far along in the process, and there is no Staff on board.

Discussion ensued regarding establishing the land trust, understanding the delay, whether Habitat for Humanity manages a CLT in the State, discussion of a trust in 2019, was put on hold due to new Board members, Commissioner Kruse helped move the idea forward, the Board not moving forward with this trust due to significant changes, concerns with affordable and workforce housing, and this trust can lead to homeownership.

Mr. Nesbitt noted there are organizations like Habitat for Humanity that utilize this type of trust.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Baugh, to direct the County Administrator to undertake procurement to seek interest for an independent non-profit to serve as a Community Land Trust.

Mr. Washington stated that this came from the Board meeting in April 2022, and confirmed the Board is asking to move forward to the next step.

Discussion ensued regarding this agenda item, taking the initiative on being advised on what is coming up, and being briefed before the meeting or work session, need more information to make a decision, and new Commissioners should have been briefed.

Chairman Van Ostenbridge noted that any Commissioner can make a motion at any time during a special or regular meeting.

Glen Gibellina noted that Community Land Trust has not changed in a while. Manatee County is fifth in the State for housing prices. This is one way to help the County, and could utilize the 160 acres to develop workforce or affordable housing. Public transportation for workforce housing needs to be considered. He suggested Blue Sky Land Trust could manage the Lena Road property.

(Depart Commissioner Satcher)

The motion carried 4-2, with Commissioners Bearden and Van Ostenbridge voting nay, and Commissioner Satcher absent.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments.

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6. **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

Nicole Knapp, Comprehensive Planning Division Manager and Impact Fee Administrator, utilized a slide presentation reviewing Comprehensive Planning, Land Development Code Changes (LDC), not all of the amendments are just for affordable housing, existing and/or recent amendments, Appendix Q, LDC 1108.6, authority to waive or reduce impact fees, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs), the impact fees are not assessed for ADUs, half-dwelling units, reduced parking for multi-family and half-dwelling units, standard zoning limited, discussion about future amendments, HB 1339/ SB 102, density in-lieu payments, tiny homes zoning district, smaller dwelling units and reduced impact fees, update on ADUs, and there have been 18-20 permits,), Florida Statute 125.01055, affordable housing on non-residential zoned district, provisions are self-executing, minimal amendment to the LDC is legally advisable, to codify the legislative intent to enable the administrative approval, bulk dimensional standards are not in place, discussion about mitigating against compatibility/transition areas, only ten percent affordable units required, possible desire to require more units and a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA), allows the County the discretion to adopt laws, ordinances, rules, or other measures to increase the affordable housing stock, inclusionary zoning/in-lieu payments, requires a developer to provide specific number or percent of affordable housing units within a development, allows a payment in-lieu of constructing the affordable housing units within their development, linkage fee ordinance may require flat or percentage-based fee, considerations, the County must fully offset all costs to the developer through incentives, pay in-lieu of appears to require adoption of inclusionary zoning ordinance, SB 102 (pending legislation), restrictions and allowances, and the recommend motions.

(Depart Commissioner Baugh)

Discussion ensued regarding the codification of HB 1339 is needed however, newer bills are more specific, updating the term, reviewing the recommended motions, the text amendment, percentage of affordable housing units, lower percentages being used by other Counties, and concerns about the LURAs.

Ms. Knapp noted the delay and once more information is received regarding the bill, she will bring it forward to the Board. It might be best to wait until the pending bill is finalized.

Ms. Knapp noted the LDC is currently silent to a Tiny Home specific Zoning District. It is Staff's position that an applicant can currently achieve a tiny home community through the planned development process, creating a Euclidean zoning district would be more appealing to the development community. Staff thinks the bulk regulations could be similar to the RV park standards, or possibly looking into amending the existing multi-family section of the code to accommodate, and currently looking for direction from the Board and their desire to create a Tiny Home Euclidean Zoning District.

Discussion ensued regarding Tiny Home districting, and utilizing Euclidian zoning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Bearden to direct staff to prepare a text amendment to the LDC, to create a tiny homes zoning district.

Glen Gibellina supported this motion, and commented on the true philosophy of tiny homes, and what is being discussed as tiny homes in the County.

Discussion ensued regarding looking at Hillsborough County for examples, safety pertaining the tiny homes zoning district, and tiny homes should be called small homes.

The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Baugh absent.

(Depart Commissioner Ballard)

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments. BC20230321DOC007

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

PRESENTATION BY HOPE PATHWAYS/ALIGN CONSULTING– COMMISSIONER SATCHER

Commissioner Satcher introduced the final agenda of the day, and the presenter Christina Gerken, Owner and CEO of Align Consulting.

Christina Gerken, Owner and CEO, Align Consulting, utilized a slide presentation reviewing Hope Pathways, the mission, initiative, what makes the initiative different, unity partnerships, utilizing digital platform, uphold community/calculated compassion, the solution, a working model from beginning to end (see chart in presentation), move up and out of poverty cycle through this model, the digital platform Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), data, 1,551 homeless children served each week, foster youth aging out, between the year 2021-2022, 22 children aged out of foster care, between the year 2022-2023, 47 children aged out of foster care, Turning Points, preventative requests are up to 55 percent in the month of August in 2022, prior to Hurricane Ian, judicial system is developing a tracked metric, current information is anecdotal, working households, AMI of a family of four is $77,000 to $90,000, up more than two times at the national rate, Asset Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed (ALICE) 45 percent of households, national average cost increase per household of basic needs, rental increase average, this region is one of the highest in the nation with no cap in place, AMI increased 17 percent versus a one percent increase from prior year, transitional homeless, campgrounds, hotels are housing families, cars, moving, partnerships, 584 cases, demographics, the largest need is housing and shelter, initial need is 59 percent, the second need is food assistance, utilities, substance abuse help, employment, and the average response time is one day.

Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of homeless families, agencies working with Hope Pathways, and efforts in the community are appreciated.

Tara Brooker, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, expressed thankfulness that the Board is taking care of Homelessness, and commented on the HMIS system. The platform allows many different types of outcomes. Rapid rehousing is housing a citizen quickly. The case management provides help with the rehousing, and how services are provided is the key to keeping people housed.

Kathleen Kramer, Turning Points Executive Director, reviewed percentages for chronic homelessness, mental health and drug abuse concerns amongst the homelessness, as well as housing data, less than one third have severe mental health issues, but the citizens do not have housing, 20 to 40 percent of the homeless struggle with drug use, citizens had the addiction either before or during being homeless, places with the highest housing costs have the highest population of homelessness, housing is vital, but will never be enough, and data shows that the places with the best track records create affordable housing, and other housing options.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed public comments. BC20230321DOC008

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Van Ostenbridge adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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06/06/2023
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners
June 6, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Subject
Approval of Proposed Projects and Activities for FY 2023/24 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan

Category
CONSENT AGENDA

Briefings
All

Contact and/or Presenter Information
Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator and Director, Community and Veterans Services Department, ext. 3737
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Action Requested
Approval of proposed project and activities for inclusion in the Draft FY 2023/24 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan.

Enabling/Regulating Authority
24 CFR Part 91 (Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan regulation)

2017-22 Consolidated Plan (Resolution R-17-083)

24 CFR 5.110, HUD may, upon a determination of good cause and subject to statutory limitations, waive regulatory provisions. Additional regulatory waiver authority is provided in 24 CFR 91.600. These regulatory provisions provide HUD the authority to make waiver determinations for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, CoC, and HOPWA Programs and consolidated planning requirements for all CPD formula programs.

Background Discussion
Manatee County is an entitlement community through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

HUD approved Manatee County's 2017-2022 Consolidated Plan in October of 2017. The five-year Consolidated Plan identified priority needs through an extensive public outreach and engagement effort. Those needs are 1) affordable housing and compliance with fair housing regulations; 2) community development/infrastructure; 3) social/public services;

and 4) economic development. The priority needs are to be addressed through the funding of specific projects and activities in each year's Annual Action Plan.

Manatee County will submit the County's new 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan by August of this year that will include the new Priority Needs identified by the community through the current public outreach and engagement effort.

In preparation for the FY 2023/24 HUD-funding cycle, public meetings were held on February 15, March 15, March 16, March 20, March 21, and March 22, 2023 as well as a grant application workshop was held February 23, 2023 with interested organizations. Applications for funding were due on March 31, 2023.

In April 2023, staff conducted a completeness review of all grant applications received by the deadline to ensure they met the threshold requirements identified in the application. An Application Review Committee of seven county staff was comprised to review each application based upon the priority needs, goals, strategies identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan, and the needs and gaps. In addition, they reviewed the applications for collaboration/partnerships, leveraging of other funds, performance measure and outcomes among other criteria.
In addition to the recommended project, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Motion during a Special Meeting held on March 21st, 2023, with the intent to sub-award the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC).

Manatee County was informed that its funding allocation from HUD for FY 2023/24 will be as follows: CDBG will be $1,847,283.00, HOME will be $682,570.00 and ESG will be $157,064.00. County staff has also identified an additional $300,000.00 in 2019/2020 HOME and $361,731.00 in 2021/2022 HOME funds available from a development project that will not need previously allocated funds anymore.

2019/20 Home Investment Partnership (HOME)	$ 300,000.00
2021/22 Home Investment Partnership (HOME)	$ 361,731.00
2023/24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	$1,847,283.00
2023/24 Home Investment Partnership (HOME)	$ 682,570.00
2023/24 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	$ 157,064.00
TOTAL	$3,348,648.00

Based upon priority needs and available funding, 9 CDBG-eligible activities, 4 HOME-eligible activities and 3 ESG-eligible activities are proposed for funding in the FY 2023/24 Annual Action Plan.
The 2023/24 Application Recommendation Summary of proposed projects and activities are presented for Board consideration and approval on June 6, 2023 for inclusion into the FY 2023/24 Annual Action Plan. Following approval of the proposed projects and activities, the draft HUD Annual Action Plan will be finalized upon 2023/24 Allocation Notice from HUD and the 30-day public comment period, commencing on June 26th, will be advertised.

The FY 2023/24 Annual Action Plan will be scheduled for a public hearing and approval at the BCC July 25th meeting. We will submit the FY 2023/24 Annual Action Plan to HUD no later than August 15, 2023, as required by HUD.

Attorney Review
Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records
Forward a copy of the approved agenda to julia.vieira@mymanatee.org and theresa.woods@mymanatee.org

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name
None

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs
None

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MEMORANDUM

To: Lee Washington, Acting County Administrator

From: Julia Vieira, Community Development Project Manager

Date: May 17th, 2023

Subject: FY 2023/24 CDBG/HOME/ESG Recommendation for Funding – Review Committee

The Review Committee for the FY 2023/2024 CDBG/HOME Fund Applications convened on May 10th to define the final funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Manatee County staff that were part of the Review Committee included:

- Debbie Deleon – Neighborhood Connections Manager
- Deborah Ash – Community Development Coordinator
- Renese Remy – Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator
- Susan Bigham – Compliance Analyst
- Maria Santos – Homeless Policy Coordinator
- Barbara Sferra – Fiscal Services Manager
- Julia Vieira – Community Development Project Manager

Each staff reviewed and scored the individual applications using the Neighborly application system. The main determinants for funding recommendations included Consolidated Plan Priority Needs, average scoring, past performance, current open contracts/funding, and eligible budget items. Based on these components, the Review Committee recommends funding nine CDBG-eligible activities, four HOME-eligible activities, and three ESG-eligible applications. Four applications were deemed ineligible or better served by other funding sources, which applications will soon become available.

In addition to the recommended project, staff followed the set-asides allowed by HUD for Administration and Planning for CDBG and HOME, and the Motion approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 21st, 2023, to sub-award the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC).

Funding for each Entitlement Grant and required caps and set-asides are described as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	FY 23/24
Total Funding	**$ 1,847,283.00**
Administration & Planning Set Aside (20%)	$ 369,456.00
Public Service Cap (cannot exceed 15%)	$ 277,092.00
Funding available for Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Housing	$ 1,200,735.00

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	FY 23/24	Previous Years
Total Funding	**$ 682,570.00**	**$ 661,731.00**
Administration & Planning Set Aside (10% of annual allocation)	$ 68,257.00	-
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside (15% of annual allocation)	$ 102,385.00	-
Funding available for Housing Development, Rehabilitation, Down payment Assistance and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	$ 511,928.00	$ 661,731.00
	$	1,173,659.00

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)	FY 23/24
Total Funding	**$ 157,064.00**
Administration & Planning Set Aside (7.5% of annual allocation)	$ 11,764.00
Funding available for Programming after Admin Set-Aside	$ 145,300.00

The Review Committee is recommending ***approval*** to the following Activities:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Project #	Agency Name	Project Name	Project Description	Eligible Funding Type	Current Level of Funding (FY22/23)	CDBG Funding Requested	Final Funding Recommendation	Goal
22664	AM and FM Enterprise, Inc.	Allean's Loving Care 23/24	Project will provide in-home care and companionship to elderly adults with special needs. Services include personal care, housekeeping, food distribution and respite services to the needy clients and their families.	CDBG - Public Services	$65,000.00	$90,000.00	**$90,000.00**	28 individuals
22637	Centerstone of Florida	Samoset Community Resource Center - Phase 2	The funding will be used to complete the Samoset Community Resource Center (CRC). The original project was divided into 2 phases due to unforeseen delays in Phase 1. This phase will complete needed renovations and improvements of the remaining 4,825 SF building for a new, comprehensive unified community services hub in the heart of the Samoset community.	CDBG - Public Facilities	$639,966.00	$500,000.00	**$250,000.00**	1 facility rehab to serve 2,857 individuals
22776	Gulfcoast Legal Services	2023/24 Housing Legal Services	The project will provide information and access to the courts to low- and moderate-income residents to help prevent and eliminate unfair and illegal housing practices, discrimination/fair housing violations, predatory lending, foreclosure, homeowner repair schemes, substandard housing conditions, and unlawful eviction practices that can lead to homelessness.	CDBG - Public Services	$61,600.00	$86,771.00	**$70,000.00**	80 individuals
22745	Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center	Fire safety improvement to Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center	The project will include the demolition of the current fire escape and the construction and installation of a new fire escape that adheres to all local fire codes and regulations.	CDBG - Public Facilities		$27,000.00	**$35,000.00**	1 facility improvement that serves 130 individuals

22682	Meals on Wheels	Unfunded Senior Meals 2023-24	The program will target and deliver home delivered meals to low- and moderate-income residents located in the designated R/ECAP areas of unincorporated Manatee County.	CDBG - Public Services	$48,400.00	$49,600.00	**$50,000.00**	30 individuals in R/ECAP Target Areas
22793	Turning Points	Project Smile 2023-24	The project will provide access to uninsured low-income Manatee County residents to high-quality free dental care and oral prosthetics.	CDBG - Public Services	$40,000.00	$65,664.00	**$67,000.00**	80 individuals
CVS - Community Development		2023-2027 Homeowner Down payment Assistance Program		CDBG - Housing		$300,000.00	**$300,000.00**	4 households
		2023-2027 Homeowner Rehab/Replacement Program		CDBG - Housing		$615,735.00	**$615,800.00**	5 households
		23/24 CDBG Administration and Planning		CDBG - Admin	$357,413.00	$369,456.00	**$369,456.00**	Support to 2 fully dedicated staff, 4 partially dedicated staff and 3 Fiscal staff

HOME Investment Partnership Program

Project #	Agency Name	Project Name	Project Description	Eligible Funding Type	Current Level of Funding	HOME Funding Requested	HOME Suggested Funding	Goal
22750	CAN COMMUNITY HEALTH	RU4M (Rental & Utilities 4 Manatee)	The project will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, rental and utility deposits as needed to low-income residents of unincorporated Manatee County living with HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other special populations living with sexually transmitted diseases.	HOME - TBRA		$232,832.00	**$188,332.00**	40 households
22767	Manatee County Habitat for Humanity	Poling Gardens FY 2024	The project will subsidise a portion of the construction costs (supplies, materials, permits, impact fees and contractors) for the 16 affordable houses planned for the Poling Gardens community.	HOME - Housing Construction	$1,258,913.00 (21/22 CDBG)	$1,200,000.00	**$878,750.00**	5 housing units

22610	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	*Rental Assistance*	The project will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, rental and utility deposits as needed to low- and moderate-income Manatee County residents.	HOME - TBRA	$716,863.00 (ESG-CV) $53,060.00 (22/23 CDBG)	$85,000.00	**$208,900.00**	*45 households*
CVS - Community Development		23/24 HOME Administration and Planning		HOME - Admin	$67,539.00	$68,257.00	**$68,257.00**	Support to 2 fully dedicated staff, 4 partially dedicated staff and 3 Fiscal staff

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

Agency Name	Project Name	Project Description	Eligible Funding Type	Current Level of Funding	ESG Suggested Funding	Goal
Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. Continuum of Care (CoC)	23/24 CoC ESG Programming Sub-Award		ESG - Programming		**$145,300.00**	*TBD*
	23/24 CoC ESG Administration Sub-Award		ESG - Admin		**$7,750.00**	*TBD*
CVS - Community Development	23/24 ESG Administration and Planning		ESG - Admin	$12,005.00	**$4,000.00**	Support to 1 partially dedicated staff, and 3 Fiscal staff

The Review Committee is ***not*** recommending funding to the following Activities:

Agency Name	Project Name	Project Description	Eligible Funding Type	Current Level of Funding	HOME Funding Requested	Reason for Denial
Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc.	Rental Assistance for Unincorporated Manatee County	Project will provide direct client-based rental assistance, including security deposit assistance for 12 homeless households in unincorporated Manatee County	HOME - TBRA		$318,605.27	HOME-ARP funds would be a better fit for program design
St. Vincent de Paul CARES	Manatee County Rapid Rehousing Expansion	Project will provide an estimated $7,500 per household for financial assistance to cover Rental Assistance, Rental Application Fees, Security Deposits, Last Month's Rent, Utility Deposits, Utility Payments, and moving costs for approximately 26 households. Funding will also be used to administrative expenses to deliver services.	HOME - TBRA	$1,013,166.00 (ESG-CV) $125,000.00 (CDBG-CV)	$270,000.00	Agency has a FY 22/23 contract for rental assistance under CDBG-CV that has not started yet
Step Up Suncoast, Inc.	Housing Counseling and Training	Project will provide Homebuyer Education class which includes class preparation, 8-hour class, and post-class follow-up.	HOME - Homebuyer Housing Counseling		$9,000.00	Fund with FY 23/24 SHIP funds
New Creation Ministries of America, Inc.	NCMOA Recovery & Resource Center	Program funding will be used for program expenses such as: staff compensation and to obtain and maintain a program location, which would include monthly lease, utilities, vehicle, and travel expenses.	INELIGIBLE ACTIVITY			

Citizen Participation Plan

Statement of Purpose

Manatee County recognizes that citizen participation is a very important part of the consolidated planning process. To better guide the County's outreach in gaining citizen input, the County has developed a Citizen Participation Plan. The Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan is designed to create opportunities for citizens to be involved in the development of the Consolidate Plan, Annual Action Plans, the implementation of Substantial Amendments, Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). These plans and documents are required in order to keep compliance with federal regulations related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

This update to the Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioner on XXXXXX, and supersedes all the previous versions.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan to explain the opportunity all residents have to participate in the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan. The Manatee County Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department is responsible for administering the Citizen Participation Plan.

The overall goal of the Consolidated Plan is to utilize federal, state and local funding in a coordinated manner to promote the development of viable communities. Viable communities are described as meeting the residents' needs in regards to affordable and decent housing, a safe and suitable living environment, and adequate economic opportunities particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

Citizen participation will be encouraged during development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, any Substantial Amendments, AFH, and the CAPER, by providing notice to residents and local organizations through various media methods.

The Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies to be used for citizen participation and outlines the procedures to be used to encourage the participation of all Manatee County residents – especially residents who are low-income, minorities, non-English speaking, disabled, and persons with HIV/ AIDS.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, Manatee County will host, at a minimum, one Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) public hearing during the development of the Consolidated Plan, prior to its proposed adoption by the Board of County Commissioners for submission to HUD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County will publish a notice of availability of the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan for public review in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in the local newspaper. The date of publication will be the beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the Consolidated Plan as well as a summary of those sections of the Consolidated Plan that concern HOME funds. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire Consolidated Plan may be examined and provide instructions on how to submit public comment.

COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to the BOCC's approval of the Consolidated Plan, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The County shall publish a draft of the Consolidated Plan (including the corresponding Annual Action Plan) to be available during the 30-day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the Consolidated Plan prior to adoption.

During the 30-day comment period, the Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department will receive written comments on the Consolidated Plan from the public and will later include those comments and the County's responses in the final publication of the Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Upon request, the Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Department of Manatee County will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

The Manatee County BOCC, as the elected authority of the citizens of Manatee County, has responsibility for the Consolidated Plan. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Board. The BOCC authorizes final publication of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan as well as their submission to HUD.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the program year. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

Annual Action Plan

Each program year, as a part of the consolidated planning process, Manatee County must develop an Annual Action Plan that identifies sources of funding, statement of objectives, description of projects, graphic distribution, monitoring of sub-recipients, and results of past efforts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 30-day public comment period as required by HUD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in the local newspaper no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment. The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and all pertinent information as to where the Annual Action Plan is available for public examination, including the location's address and hours of availability.

COMMENT PERIOD

A 30-day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan will be established for public review prior to submission to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners for final consideration and adoption.

Hard copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. The Community and Veteran's Department will provide electronic copies of the Annual Action Plan to interested citizens and organizations upon request.

Once the Annual Action Plan has been approved by the BOCC and submitted to HUD, a 45-day HUD review period will commence.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the program year. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

Amendments

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, Manatee County will amend its approved plans whenever Community and Veterans Services Department staff makes one of the following decisions:

- To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

Manatee County will make amendments public and will notify HUD that an amendment has been made. In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105(c)(1), Manatee County may submit any amendments at the end of the program year, along with the CAPER. Letters transmitting copies of amendments will be signed by the official representative authorized to take such action.

Substantial Amendments

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105(b), only Substantial Amendments are subject to a citizen participation process. Prior to the submission of any substantial change in the proposed use of funds, citizens will have reasonable notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, the proposed amendment using the citizen participation methods outlined in this Citizen Participation Plan and/or other methods that result in effective notice and comment.

A Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan(s) will be carried out when Community and Veterans Services Department staff identifies:

- Federal law or regulation require such action; or
- Priority needs and goals not previously described in the plans are identified.

If there are changes because of legislative authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) causes changes in rules, regulations and guidelines which impact the CDBG, HOME, or ESG Programs, said changes will supersede any/all of the provisions contained in this Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Substantial Amendments to the CDBG, HOME, or ESG activities shall require approval by the Manatee County BOCC. The BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing for public input on any Substantial Amendments. In the event that Manatee County is closed to the public, virtual public meetings and hearings may be used instead. Check www.mymanatee.org for notices of all public meetings, including virtual hearings. Virtual hearings will be used in lieu of in-person hearing if national or local health authorities recommend social distancing and limit public gatherings for public health reasons. Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan for a new activity or a substantial change, the County will publish a notice of the substantial change in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment. When a smaller publication serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs population is not available, the notice in the newspaper of general circulation will include a Spanish language notice.

COMMENT PERIOD

The public shall be given an opportunity to comment on any Substantial Amendments made to the County's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. After proper notice is given, a 30-day public review period will be required to obtain public comment prior to BOCC approval.

Copies of the draft Substantial Amendments will be made available for review by the Community and Veterans Services Department and on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Copies of the Substantial Amendments will be made available to interested citizens and organizations upon request.

Performance Reports

Each year the County will issue a Performance Report showing the progress it has made in carrying out its Strategic Plan and Action Plan.

The Performance Report, or the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), will include a description of the resources available, the investment of those resources, where those resources were spent geographically, persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted), actions taken to further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. The County must send HUD a CAPER by December 30 or within 90 days of the close of the program year. Manatee County's program year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The County will hold a minimum of one public hearing with the BOCC to consider any comments or views of citizens in relation to the published CAPER. A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper and on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org no less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

COMMENT PERIOD

The County will receive comments and make all CAPERs available to the public at least 15 days prior to submission to HUD. The County will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings in preparing the final version of CAPERs.

A summary of these comments will be attached to the Performance Report, upon completion of the final version to be submitted to HUD. HUD conducts a 30-day review of the CAPER after submission.

Copies of the draft CAPER will be made available for viewing by the Community and Veterans Services Department and located on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and available in the public waiting area of the CVS Department. Electronic copies of the CAPER will be provided to interested citizens and organizations, upon request.

Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, a minimum of two public hearings shall be held:

- One public hearing shall be held for public input for the AFH, prior to the draft document being made available for 30-day public comment.
- An additional public hearing shall be held within the noticed 30-day public comment period and prior to approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County will publish a notice of availability of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for public review in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website at www.mymanatee.org and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations. The date of publication will be the

beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the AFH will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the AFH. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the AFH, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire AFH may be examined.

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COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to the BOCC's approval of the AFH, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The County shall publish a draft of the AFH to be available during the 30-day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the AFH prior to approval and submission to HUD. During the 30-day comment period, the Community and Veterans Services Department will receive written comments on the AFH from the public and will later include those comments and the County's responses in the final publication of the AFH.

Copies of the draft AFH will be available for review at the Central Library, South Manatee and Palmetto Branches of the Manatee County Public Library System. Upon request, the Community and Veterans Services Department of Manatee County will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

The Manatee County BOCC, as the elected authority of the citizens of Manatee County, has responsibility for the AFH. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Board. The BOCC authorizes final publication of the AFH as well as their submission to HUD.

SUBMISSION OF PLAN

Following approval by the BOCC, the AFH will be submitted to HUD.

Consultation

During the development of the AFH and/or Consolidated Plan Year Manatee County will make every effort to consult with other public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons. The agencies may include local Public Housing Authorities and the local Continuum of Care. Manatee County shall also consult with community-based and regionally based organizations that represent protected class members and organizations that enforce fair housing laws when preparing both the AFH and the Consolidated Plan.

Consultation will also include coordination with regional government agencies in addition to adjacent units of general local government and local government agencies. This includes local government agencies with metropolitan-wide planning and transportation responsibilities.

Comments/Grievances

The County's Community and Veterans Services Department Director or designee will provide a timely written response to complaints, comments, and grievances, within 15 working days, where practicable.

Public Hearings/Public Notices

Manatee County will host, at a minimum, two public hearings with the BOCC annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term.

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the BOCC shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period as required by HUD. A second BOCC public hearing will be held later in the program year to consider comments from citizens regarding the published Performance Report (CAPER).

To ensure that advance notice is provided to the public and that BOCC public hearings are accessible to persons with special needs, the County will:

- Publish a notice of the BOCC public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate- income persons or special needs populations 10 days prior to the day of the BOCC public hearing to allow interested parties to attend.
- Published notices in readable size and provide complete summary information on the purpose of the BOCC public hearing, the date, time and location of the BOCC public hearing, and contact information for persons who may have questions about the BOCC public hearing or who may require information regarding accessibility for persons with special needs.
- Provide a translator at the prior written request of an individual or organization representing non-English speaking persons. Written requests must be made to the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department, a minimum of five business days prior to BOCC public hearing dates.
- Disseminate this information at appropriate County libraries, government offices and public spaces.

Community Meetings

Manatee County will host, at a minimum, two community meetings with low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term to solicit comments on the strategies and proposed use of funds and to review program performance.

To ensure that advance notice is provided to the public and that community meetings are accessible to persons with special needs, the County will:

- Publish a notice of the community meeting in a newspaper of general circulation, on the County's website and in any widely disseminated smaller publications serving low- and moderate-income persons or special needs populations 10 days prior to the day of the community meeting to allow interested parties to attend.
- Publish notices in readable size and provide complete summary information on the purpose of the community meeting, the date, time and location of the community meeting, and contact information for persons who may have questions about the community meeting or who may require information regarding accessibility for persons with special needs.
- Disseminate this information at appropriate County libraries, government offices and public spaces.

Access to Information

Citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, including those most affected, will have the opportunity to receive information, and review and submit comments on any proposed submission concerning any of the following documents:

- The proposed Annual Action Plans
- The proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Proposed Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action Plan or the Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- CAPER (Annual Performance Reports)
- The Citizens Participation Plan
- Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
- Other plans requiring submission to HUD

Copies of the previously identified documents will be made available at advertised public buildings and upon request from the Community and Veterans Services Department.

All correspondence, records, and minutes of BOCC public hearings will be retained by the Community and Veterans Services Department and by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. All input received through, or in association with, community meetings and workshops will be retained by the Community and Veterans Services Department only. Any pertinent information such as written proposals from a citizens group, etc., will be presented to the Community and Veterans Services Department staff for review and consideration. If assistance in reading or obtaining program records is needed, the Community and Veterans Services Department should be contacted at 941-749- 3030 or interested parties can access records at the Community and Veterans Services Department at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

Interested parties may also access many of the program documents at the Manatee County website, www.mymanatee.org.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will be provided to citizens, citizen groups, non-profit organizations and agencies as needed in developing project proposals. Such assistance is available upon request from the Community and Veterans Services Department. Anyone needing technical assistance should contact the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department at 941-749-3030.

Anti-Displacement

The County has not, nor does it anticipate, funding any activities that will displace any residents or businesses. If displacement does occur, the County will follow all applicable requirements set forth by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act, its Local Relocation and Anti-Displacement Policy, and any other required state and Federal regulations.

Use of Plan

Manatee County will follow this Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, AFH, and the Performance Report.

For more information regarding the Consolidated Plan or to submit your comments, inquiries and complaints concerning the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, AFH, or the Performance Reports can be conveyed by contacting the County staff at:

Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor
Bradenton, FL 34205
Telephone: 941-749-3030 • Fax: 941-742-5848
Manatee County, FL

Complaints and related comments on the programs may also be offered at the public hearings. Written complaints may also be made to the Jacksonville Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Planning and Development Division Charles Bennett Federal Building
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Telephone: 904-232-1777
Fax: 904-232-3617

SF 424

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier: B-23-US-12-0018

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Manatee County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 59-6000727

* c. UEI: TM1APB6J5TD6

d. Address:

* Street1: 1112 Manatee Avenue West
Street2:
* City: Bradenton
County/Parish: Manatee
* State: FL: Florida
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 34205-7804

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Community & Veterans Services

Division Name: Community Development Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.
* First Name: Julia
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Vieira
Suffix:

Title: Community Development Project Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 941-748-4501 ext. 1266
Fax Number: 941-742-5848

* Email: julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants(CDBG)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Entitlement Grant 2023-2024, Annual Action Plan submission for Manatee County, FL

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 13 * b. Program/Project: 13

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2023 * b. End Date: 09/30/2024

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,847,283.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	1,847,283.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Kevin

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Van Ostenbridge

Suffix:

* Title: Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

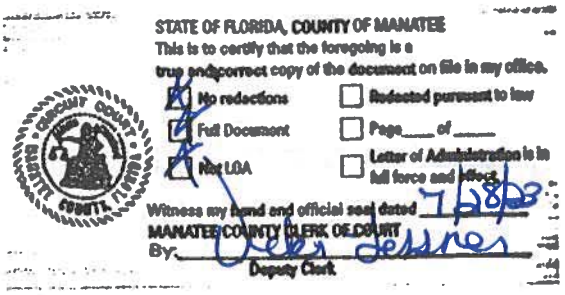
* Telephone Number: 941-745-3705 Fax Number: 941-745-3790

* Email: kevin.vanostenbridge@mymanatee.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [signature] * Date Signed: 7/25/23

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

ATTEST: MANATEE COUNTY
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND
COUNTY COMPTROLLER
BY: Julissa Santana
DEPUTY CLERK


STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MANATEE
This is to certify that the foregoing is a
true and correct copy of the document on file in my office.
No redactions
Redacted pursuant to law
Full Document
Page ___ of ___
Not LOA
Letter of Administration is in full force and effect
Witness my hand and official seal dated 7/28/23
MANATEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
By:
Deputy Clerk

OMB Number: 4040-0007
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).

6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C.§§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U. S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
[signature]	Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Manatee County (CDBG)	7/25/23

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ATTEST: MANATEE COUNTY
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND
COUNTY COMPTROLLER
BY: [signature]
DEPUTY CLERK

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MANATEE
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the document on file in my office.
☒ No redactions ☐ Redacted pursuant to law
☒ Full Document ☐ Page ___ of ___
☒ Not LOA ☐ Letter of Administration is in full force and effect.
Witness my hand and official seal dated 7/28/2023
MANATEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
BY: [signature]
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* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier: B-23-US-12-0018

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Manatee County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 59-6000727

* c. UEI: TM1APB6J5TD6

d. Address:

* Street1: 1112 Manatee Avenue West

Street2:

* City: Bradenton

County/Parish: Manatee

* State: FL: Florida

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 34205-7804

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Community & Veterans Services

Division Name: Community Development Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.

* First Name: Julia

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Vieira

Suffix:

Title: Community Development Project Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 941-748-4501 ext. 1266

Fax Number: 941-742-5848

* Email: julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

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*** Other (specify):**

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
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* e. Other	661,731.00
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* g. TOTAL	1,401,989.91

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

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☒ ** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Kevin

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Van Ostenbridge

Suffix:

* Title: Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

* Telephone Number: 941-745-3705 Fax Number: 941-745-3790

* Email: kevin.vanostenbridge@mymanatee.org

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier: B-23-US-12-0018

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Manatee County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 59-6000727

* c. UEI: TM1APB6J5TD6

d. Address:

* Street1: 1112 Manatee Avenue West
Street2:
* City: Bradenton
County/Parish: Manatee
* State: FL: Florida
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 34205-7804

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Community & Veterans Services

Division Name: Community Development Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.
* First Name: Julia
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Vieira
Suffix:

Title: Community Development Project Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 941-748-4501 ext. 1266
Fax Number: 941-742-5848

* Email: julia.vieira@mymanatee.org

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*** Other (specify):**

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.231

CFDA Title:

Emergency Solutions Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

*** Title:**

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), 2023-2024, Annual Action Plan submission for Manatee County, FL

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 13 * b. Program/Project: 13

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2023 * b. End Date: 09/30/2024

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	157,064.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	157,064.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Kevin

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Van Ostenbridge

Suffix:

* Title: Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

* Telephone Number: 941-745-3705 Fax Number: 941-745-3790

* Email: kevin.vanostenbridge@mymanatee.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: Kevin Van Ostenbridge * Date Signed: 7/25/23

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In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

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Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023-2024 (one program year) [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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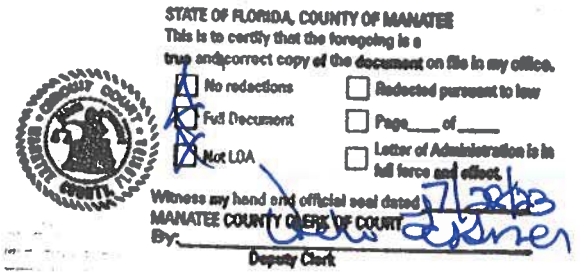
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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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Standards and Procedures for ESG

2020

Suncoast Continuum of Care (FL-500)

Written Standards

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Introduction

The Suncoast Continuum of Care (CoC) serving Manatee and Sarasota Counties (FL-500) is responsible for coordinating and implementing a system to meet the needs of the population and subpopulations experiencing homelessness within the geographic area of the CoC. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (SPEH) is the lead agency for the CoC. Both the Emergency Solution Grant Rules and Regulations (ESG) and the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Continuum of Care Program Interim Rules state that the Continuum of Care (CoC), in consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds within the geographic area, (1) establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance, (2) establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type, and (3) monitor recipient and sub-recipient performance.

All programs that receive ESG or CoC funding are required to abide by these written standards. Agency program procedure should reflect the policy and procedures described in this document. The CoC strongly encourages programs that do not receive either of these sources of funds to accept and utilize these written standards.

The written standards have been established to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness who enter programs throughout the CoC will be given similar information and support to access and maintain permanent housing.

The written standards have been created in conjunction with HUD Notice CPD-14-012 issued on July 28, 2014 titled Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status that can be found online here: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=14-12cpdn.pdf

The Continuum of Care Written Standards will:

- Assist with the coordination of service delivery across the geographic area and will be the foundation of the One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System;
- Assist in assessing individuals and families consistently to determine program eligibility;
- Assist in administering programs fairly and methodically;
- Establish common performance measurements for all CoC components; and
- Provide the basis for the monitoring of all CoC and ESG funded projects.

These written standards have been developed in conjunction with ESG recipients, service providers, and CoC Leadership Council to allow for input on the procedure of One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System, standards, performance measures and the process for full implementation of the standards throughout the CoC from the perspective of those organizations that are directly providing homeless housing and services, Emergency Shelter (ES), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH).

The CoC Written Standards have been approved by the CoC Leadership Council. The Written Standards will be reviewed and revised as needed at a minimum of once per year.

In the event of a National, State, or Local Government declaration of emergency, this document may be amended accordingly in response.

ESG Program Requirements

The Program Requirements for all programs are as follows:

- Programs must coordinate with other homeless services within the CoC.
- Programs must coordinate with, refer to, and ensure client access to mainstream resources in the CoC including housing, social services, medical (physical and mental/emotional), employment, education and youth programs for which participants may be eligible.
- Programs must have written policies and procedures and must consistently apply them to all participants.
- Programs receiving ESG and CoC funding must participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), unless otherwise stated by federal regulations. All programs serving those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homeless are encouraged to fully participate in HMIS, whether or not they are required by federal, state or local mandate.
- Programs must meet minimum HMIS data quality standards, as specified by the HMIS committee of the CoC Leadership Council. These standards can change from time to time and may also be different depending upon the source of funding. Organizations who enter data into HMIS must be prepared to correct data as needed to ensure the best possible data quality.
- Program participants must be provided all applicable HMIS releases as required by HMIS regulations including HMIS privacy notices and Release of Information agreements.
- Programs must participate in the Coordinated Entry System and use the prioritization criteria established in this document.
- Programs must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the anticipated amount and type of assistance needed to regain stability in permanent housing.
- Program rules and regulations should be designed in the spirit of inclusion rather than as grounds for denial or termination. Programs should exercise judgment and examine all extenuating circumstances in determining when violations are serious enough to warrant termination so that a program participant‘s assistance is terminated only in the most severe cases.
- Programs must have a formal procedure for terminating assistance to a participant that recognizes the rights of the participant(s) involved.
- Programs must use judgment and examine all extenuating circumstances in determining

that a violation should result in termination.

- Every effort should be made to allow the participant to remain in the program; termination should only be exercised in the most severe cases.
- Termination does not necessarily preclude assistance at a future date.
- Programs must make known that use of the facilities and services are available to all on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- Programs may not engage in inherently religious activities such as worship, religious instruction or proselytization as part of the programs or services funded under the CoC or ESG. These activities can be conducted (but not supported with federal funds) but must be separate and voluntary for program participants.

Coordinated Entry

The local Coordinated Entry System for CoC FL-500 is One*by*1. This nationally recognized best practice and federally mandated system works as part of the homeless crisis response system towards the goal of homelessness being rare, brief, and nonrecurring. The One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System (CES) allows for people in Sarasota and Manatee County to access needed housing and other services through a uniform screening and assessment, defined prioritization and program matching guidelines, and monitored referrals to services to help those seeking housing and services access programs more efficiently. Clients who are literally homeless, or cannot be otherwise diverted, will receive a One*by*1 Coordinated Entry Access Point Intake at one of the 9 Access Points in our community. Clients are then added to the Community By-Name List (BNL) and prioritized for referral to a housing project.

In addition to partners who are mandated to participate in the CES by their funding source, all agencies providing housing assistance throughout Sarasota and Manatee are encouraged to participate in the efforts to streamline coordinated access to housing for those who are in the greatest need.

Housing First

CoC funded housing providers are required to adhere to a Housing First philosophy and implement this philosophy into their intake process as well as their program process if they self-identify as a housing first program in their annual CoC project application. A Housing First philosophy and intervention must be adopted by all CoC and ESG programs, which lowers barriers to housing by ensuring applicants are not screened out due to:

- Having too little or no income;
- Active or history of substance abuse;
- Having a criminal history (with exceptions for federal and/or state-mandated restrictions);
- History of domestic violence (lack of order of protection, period of separation from abuser, law enforcement involvement).
- A Housing First philosophy and intervention also ensures that residents are not terminated due to:

- Failure to participate in support services;
- Failure to make progress on a service plan;
- Loss of income or failure to improve income;
- Domestic violence;
- Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the community. Tabbed termination reasons

All CoC funded programs must adopt the Housing First and Low Barriers approach. The CoC will authorize limited exceptions for projects in the adoption of a housing first model where it conflicts with funder requirements or local/state/federal law (e.g., restrictions on serving people who are listed on sex offender registries).

Equal Access & Non-discrimination

Providers must have non-discrimination policies in place and assertively outreach to people least likely to engage in the homeless crisis response system. Providers must comply with all federal statutes and rules including the Fair Housing Act 1and Equal Access to Housing Final Rule 2. A determination of eligibility for housing that is assisted by HUD or subject to a mortgage insured by HUD shall be made in accordance with the eligibility requirements provided for such program by HUD, and such housing shall be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. The people who present together for assistance, regardless of age or relationship, are considered a household and are eligible for assistance as a household. Projects that serve families with children must serve all types of families with children; if a project targets a specific population (e.g., women with children), these projects must serve all families with children that are otherwise eligible for assistance, including families with children that are headed by a single adult or consist of multiple adults that reside together. The age and gender of a child under 18 must not be used as a basis for denying any family's admission to a project.

Participant Eligibility

The Suncoast Partnership State ESG Program participates and complies with the One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System. One*by*1 utilizes standard assessment tools and protocols approved by the CoC and in alignment with best practices shared by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. Specific protocols have been established to address the health and safety concerns for those of the high and highest acuity of need and those who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, but who are seeking shelter or services from non-victim specific providers.

The initial eligibility process will take place with the approved One*by*1 Project Manager to determine whether the client meets HUD's definition of homeless or at risk of homelessness. If the client, using the information provided from the One*by*1 Coordinated Entry Access Point intake, appears eligible and of the high or highest acuity of need, and the housing provider project has indicated in writing that they have the capacity to accept new referrals, the

One*by*1 Project Manager will then send a referral to the available sub recipient. Once a client has engaged and began a housing plan with a case manager, the client will be enrolled in the project, subject to further eligibility determinations collected by the case manager, and documented in client HMIS files preferably through third-party documentation. Policies and Procedures for the One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System can be found on the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness website: www.suncoastpartnership.org.

Street Outreach

Street outreach is a service for the specific purpose of reaching out to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness; connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and providing urgent, non-facility-based care. Individuals defined as unsheltered must meet the criteria for: Category 1, literally homeless; or Category 4, fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence (where the individual or household also meet the criteria for category 1); and are:

- Living on the streets (or other places not meant for human habitation); *and*
- Unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter.

Sub grantees are required to target unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness and/or families whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation.

Eligible costs for the Street Outreach component of ESG as defined in 24 CFR 576.101 include engagement; case management; emergency health services; emergency mental health services; transportation; and services for special populations (homeless youth, victim services, and people living with HIV/AIDS) and are further discussed below.

Engagement Services

Engagement Services are activities to locate, identify, and build relationships with unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness to offer immediate support, intervention, and connections with homeless assistance programs and/or mainstream social services and other housing programs. Eligible costs include:

- Conducting an initial assessment of applicant for emergency services;
- Providing crisis counseling;
- Addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries;
- Actively connecting and providing information and referrals to needed services; and
- Completing a One*by*1 Coordinated Entry Access Point Intake upon date of engagement.

Case Management

Case Management activities under Street Outreach include the following eligible costs:

- Conducting initial evaluations including, verifying and documenting eligibility;
- Completing a One*by*1 Coordinated Entry Access Point Intake;

- Counseling;
- Developing/securing/coordinating services;
- Helping obtain Federal, State, and local benefits;
- Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
- Providing information and referrals to other providers;
- Developing an individualized housing stabilization plan that leads to the attainment of stable permanent housing and can address critical emergent needs identified during the assessment and intake process.

Emergency Shelter

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program interim rule establishes minimum standards for safety, sanitation, and privacy in emergency shelters funded with ESG. Eligible costs under 24 CFR 572.102 include essential services (case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and/or services for special populations – homeless youth, victim services, and people living with HIV/AIDS); renovations; and shelter operations including the costs of maintenance (including minor or routine repairs), rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter.

Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a person or family experiencing homelessness, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual.

Admission

As emergency shelter is a key component of an effective homeless crisis response system, ESG funded shelters are low barrier and have low demands for stay. The length of stay is generally expected to be less than 30 days however outside circumstances such as a competitive housing market and lack of permanent supportive housing to meet community demand can lead to an increased length of stay.

The level of support services available to participants can vary greatly from program to program.

Diversion from Shelter

Shelter Diversion is a strategy that prevents individuals from entering the homeless crisis response system by helping people identify immediate alternative housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing. Every effort should be made to divert clients to other housing solutions at their first contact with the homeless crisis response system.

Diversion programs can reduce the number of families becoming homeless, the demand for shelter beds, and the size of program wait lists. USICH and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) encourage communities to include shelter diversion as an important

part of Coordinated Entry, particularly for families. Shelter Diversion can include: financial assistance to maintain current housing; conflict resolution and mediation to return to housing; or assistance to locate and secure new housing through financial assistance and advocacy.

Essential Services and Referrals

Shelter essential services include: case management; child care; education services; employment assistance and job training; outpatient health services; legal services; life skills training; mental health services; substance abuse treatment services; transportation; and services for special populations. Provision of services should be determined based on client need and in alignment with sub grantee's targeted populations.

Provision of essential services and shelter must be available to shelter residents for at least the time period during which the ESG funds are provided. Services do not need to be limited to a particular site as long as the site serves the same categories and types of homeless originally provided with essential services or serves persons experiencing homelessness in the same service area where the sub grantee originally provided the services.

Length of Stay and Discharge

Emergency Shelter and Bridge Housing operate as a low-barrier shelter that provide a safe, secure, and clean place to stay for those who cannot be diverted from the homeless crisis response system. These programs are intended to be a short-term bridge to placement in permanent or more long-term housing options and provide support with accessing housing resources in the community as quickly as possible. The services also provide the opportunity to engage and develop relationships with persons experiencing homelessness who have had difficulty transitioning from the "street" to the homeless continuum of care. Each operates from the same framework and share the goal of providing a temporary shelter while moving toward permanent housing, and programs are intended to provide short-term assistance, typically for up to 90 days, or until a client is housed. Shelters will discharge individuals and families when they have reached the end of stay (as dictated by program policy). To the maximum extent possible, shelters will work to prevent release of households into homelessness. Limitations on individual and family shelter stays must be identified in writing in the sub grantees' policies and procedures governing shelter operations and provided to all shelter residents at intake.

Safety and Accommodations of Special Populations

Any shelter facility that receives ESG assistance operations is required to meet all federal, state and local government safety, sanitation and accessibility standards including compliance with the safety, sanitation and privacy requirements contained in 24 CFR 576.403. Sub grantees are required to develop and implement written procedures and communication tools/materials that ensure persons of any particular race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, national origin, familial status, or disability who may qualify for shelter and essential services are aware of and have access to such facilities and assistance. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be available in order to ensure disabled participants have an equal opportunity to utilize the shelter and receive essential services. Greater levels of

accessibility may be required for some shelters in compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act.

Domestic violence victims and other persons in need of victim services must have access to a safe setting and have their identity protected. Sub grantees are required to implement procedures to ensure confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual who is provided family violence prevention, treatment or other services. Sub grantees must also certify that the address of a family/individual violence shelter will not be made public without permission of the shelter agency and the family/individuals served.

Sub grantee emergency shelter policies and procedures must:

- Prohibit disclosing personally identifying victim information to any third party without consent of the victim;
- Ensure victim consent is reasonably time-limited, written and specific as to whom information will be shared;
- Identify and utilize an alternative HMIS to collect program data that will prevent the disclosure of personally identifying victim information; and
- Include confidentiality policies and procedures that require staff to refrain from discussing client information in public and ensure client records are secure and only accessible to authorized staff.

Integration/Coordination with Mainstream Services

Sub grantees are required to be active members of the CoC and contribute to the identification, development and coordination of resources that will promote and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the community's homeless crisis response system. Sub grantees must coordinate and integrate, to the extent possible, their ESG-funded assistance with other programs serving homeless and at-risk of homelessness people within the service area, including referral process (refer to 24 CFR 576.400).

Homeless Prevention

Homeless Prevention Services are intended to prevent persons who are housed from becoming homeless by helping them regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing.

Eligibility

Eligible participants must have annual incomes at or below 30% of area median income, and be:

- at imminent risk of homelessness,
- homeless under other federal statutes,
- fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence,
- or meet the criteria for being at-risk of homelessness.

Eligible participants include Households who:

1. Do not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the "homeless" definition; AND
2. Meet ONE of the following conditions:

a. Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance;
b. Is doubled up, and not listed on the lease because of economic hardship;
c. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
d. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
e. Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room;
f. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care;
g. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the Consolidated Plan(s) or CoC approved Strategic Plan;
h. A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute, such as Section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with him or her.

Eligible costs established under 24 CFR 576.103 include providing housing relocation and stabilization services (rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair); and short-term and/or medium-term rental assistance.

Standards for Assistance Provided, Duration, and Reassessment

Homeless prevention reassessments are required every three months for those who receive ongoing financial assistance and must verify that a household continues to have an annual income at or below 30% of area median income and lacks the resources or support to retain or obtain appropriate permanent housing. Additionally, the following standards are set forth:

- Participants receiving more than one month of rental assistance are required to meet with their housing stabilization specialist/social worker at least once per month.
- Participants are required to contribute 30% of their monthly adjusted income or 10% of their monthly income (higher of the two amounts) towards rent, and participant household incomes are recertified every 3 months: monthly household income at or below 30% AMI. Participants must make payments directly to the housing owner (or their agent, such as a property manager).
- Participants must have a written lease in order to receive rental assistance as indicated below.

- Rental assistance will only be provided if the total rent for the unit does not exceed the fair market rent established by HUD, and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness.
- When providing rental assistance under the homeless prevention component of the ESG program, assistance may only be provided in cases where a rental assistance agreement is in place between the provider and owner that sets forth the terms under which the rental assistance is being provided. It must *at least* include the following:
    - A provision requiring the owner to give the provider a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant, as indicated in §576.106(e)).
    - The same payment due date, grace period, and late payment penalty requirements as the program participant's lease, as indicated in §576.106(f)).
    - For project-based rental assistance, the initial term of the rental assistance agreement must be 1 year. For tenant-based rental assistance, recipients/sub recipients should establish the term of the rental assistance agreement for the period of time they anticipate providing assistance.
    - All protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that apply to tenants and applicants under 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, as supplemented by § 576.409.

When closing a case:

- Case managers must provide information to participants about how they can access assistance from the program again if needed and what kind of follow-up assistance may be available;
- Case managers must complete a discharge plan with the client and assess the client's ongoing stability;
- Case managers must complete a post-exit follow-up in HMIS with clients at 30, 90, 180, and 365 days *after* client has exited the Homeless Prevention project to monitor client stability and housing retention.

Rapid Rehousing

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) services are intended to help eligible participants who are literally homeless, including fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, to transition from the streets or shelter as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve housing stability. Rapid Rehousing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families exit homelessness quickly by returning to permanent housing without preconditions (including, but not limited to, sobriety, employment, absence of a criminal record, or income). Additionally, the resources and services provided are tailored to the unique needs of the household receiving assistance.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible participants for service component must lack the resources or support networks to help them retain or obtain other appropriate, stable housing.
- Households must meet the HUD definition of homelessness Category 1 and Category 4.
- Programs may not establish additional eligibility requirements beyond those specified here for ESG and those required by local, state, and federal funders for non-ESG;
- For ESG funded programs, program participant household's annual income should be at or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI) at annual re-evaluation.
- Clients not eligible for RRH assistance will be referred to projects suitable to the client's need and eligibility.

Prioritization

Eligible participants are referred to the Rapid Rehousing program based on the One*by*1 Community By-Name List (BNL). Client's priority is based on the following data points:

- Vi-SPDAT Score,
- Length of time homeless,
- Length of time on the Community BNL, and
- Sub-population (i.e. Disabled, Domestic Violence, Youth, etc).

Per federal regulations, only those referrals made through One*by*1 Coordinated Entry to the sub grantee will be entered into the Rapid Rehousing program.

Determining Percentage of Rent Households Must Pay

The goal of RRH is to have the household contributing 100% of the rent at the time of termination of rental assistance. Programs providing RRH assistance will use a progressive engagement model, with best practices including the following:

- Voluntary and flexible participation by program participant;
- Critical thinking and problem solving conversations between program participant and case manager;
- Assistance based on program participant's identified need;
- Connections to community resources;
- Builds on program participant's resiliency and strengths;
- Focused goal: to quickly resolve the immediate crisis of homelessness.

At initial program entry, 100% of the cost of rent in rental assistance may be provided to program participant. However, to maximize the number of households that can be served with RRH services, it is expected that the level of subsidy will be based on the goal of providing only

what is necessary for each household to be stably housed for the long term. Participants will have income evaluated every 3 months to determine if further assistance is needed.

RRH case managers should work with participants receiving assistance to develop a plan whereby rental subsidies will decrease as the participant prepares to become self-sufficient from the rental assistance. Rental assistance can only be provided for a unit that meets funding source criteria.

Program Standards

The Suncoast Partnership and sub grantees adopt the RRH program standards outlined in the RRH Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards published in February 2016 by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) and follow guidelines shared by USICH and other Federal RRH program models such as SSVF. They include the core program components listed above and provide detailed standards for programs to operate by.

Program Components

There are three core components that constitute a Rapid Rehousing program, all of which must be available in order to qualify as a Rapid Rehousing program. Rapid Rehousing core components include the following: Housing Identification, Rent/Move-In Assistance (Financial) and Rapid Rehousing Case Management and Services. The details of these components are as follows:

Housing Identification

- Within the limits of the participant's income, a RRH program helps households access units that client's find desirable, are sustainable, provide safety and are adequate to meet the client's needs such as access to transportation, and close proximity to employment and other support networks.
- Assistance includes accompanying the participant to potential housing locations as determined by case plan.
- Housing identification efforts are designed and implemented to actively recruit and retain landlords and housing managers willing to rent to program participants who may otherwise fail to pass typical tenant screening criteria.
- Critical to the formation of landlord-program relationship is the recognition of the landlord as a vital partner. The RRH provider must be responsive to landlords to preserve and develop those partnerships for future housing placement.

Rent and Move-In Assistance

- Rent and move-in assistance should be flexible and tailored to the varying and changing needs of a household while providing the assistance necessary for households to move immediately out of homelessness and to stabilize in permanent housing.
- A RRH program should make efforts to maximize the number of households it can serve by providing households with the financial assistance in a progressive

manner, providing only the assistance necessary to stabilize in permanent housing.

- The level of rental assistance and participant contribution to rent is described in an individualized case plan but do not exceed the limits established in the ESG Policies and Guidelines adopted by the CoC.
- Assistance may include rental subsidy and deposits, move-in assistance, or housing supports as allowed by the assistance-funding source.
- The term of rental assistance for RRH is based on the client's need in order to regain stability in permanent housing. This can be as little as one month or be renewed for a maximum of 18 months. It is expected that most participants will need 12 months or less of subsidy.
- The level of participant contribution to rent should increase during the program term so that the participants are paying 100% of rent by time of termination.

Case Management and Services

- RRH case management should be participant-driven. Case managers should actively engage participants in voluntary case management and service participation by creating an environment in which the participant is driving the goal-setting based on what they want from the program and services, rather than on what the case manager decides they need to do to be successful.
- RRH case management should be flexible in intensity—offering only essential assistance until or unless the participant demonstrates the need for or requests additional help. The intensity and duration of case management is based on the needs of individual households and may lessen or increase over time.
- RRH Case management services will be offered based off client's need, with a minimum of one case management service a month to determine client's financial assistance need.
- RRH Case management services should be available in the participant residence, a readily accessible office setting, or any other agreed upon location that meets the client's needs.
- RRH case management uses a strengths-based approach to empower clients. Case managers identify the inherent strengths of a person or family instead of diagnoses or deficits, and then build on those strengths to empower the household to succeed.
- RRH program case management reflects the short-term nature of the rapid rehousing assistance. It focuses on housing retention and helping a household build a support network outside of the program. It connects the participant with community resources and service options, such as legal services, health care,

vocational assistance, transportation, child care, and other forms of assistance, that continue beyond.

- RRH program case managers will connect program participants with any potential mainstream benefits (i.e. SSI/SSDI, SNAP, WIC, etc.) to increaseclient stability and meet client needs.
- RRH program case management does not end when rental assistance has been discontinued, if there is a need and desire on the part of the client to continueto engage, or other aspects of the Case Management plan for the client have not yet been realized.

When closing a case:

- Case managers must provide information to participants about how they can access assistance from the program again if needed and what kind of follow-up assistance may be available;
- Case managers must complete a discharge plan with the client and assess the client's ongoing stability;
- Case managers must complete a post-exit follow-up in HMIS with clients at 30, 90, 180, and 365 days *after* client has exited RRH project to monitor client stability and housing retention.

Rapid Rehousing Performance Standards

The Suncoast Partnership and the CoC Leadership Council have set the following system wide performance standards:

1. 85% of those who have entered the RRH project.
2. 30% increase from time of entry into the project to time of exit.
3. 85% of those with a permanent housing outcome remain housed one- year later.
4. 45-60 days # of Days from entry into project to housing placement.

Failure to meet the goals doesn't result in a termination of contracted funds, but may be used to determine which Providers receive funding in future years.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Reporting Requirements

ESG funded client and activity data must be entered into HMIS (or comparable database for victim service providers). Data entry and reporting expectations include:

- Timely and consistent data entry into the HMIS ;
- Completion of all Universal Data Elements (UDEs) and all other fields in HMIS assessment as required by the CoC standards;
- Acquiring and documenting informed written consent from program participants;

- Protecting program participants' confidentiality;
- Using the HMIS as a tool to analyze data to inform and improve the delivery of services;
- Client level data is protected as per federal and HIPPA regulations, as outlined in the HMIS User Agreement, HMIS Agency Agreement, and Release of Information (ROI).

The above elements are necessary to complete the federally mandated ESG Caper and other CoC required reporting.

Victim Services Data Collection

Victim service providers are prohibited from entering data in HMIS; however, they are required to maintain comparable databases of their own design which provide aggregate information and data consistent with HMIS data collection requirements. Projects serving survivors of domestic violence where the recipient is not a victim services provider are required to enter data in their HMIS.

Ineligible Activities and Assistance

Ineligible activities that cannot be funded with ESG include, but are not exclusive to:

- replacement of existing mainstream resources;
- payments made directly to program participants;
- payments on a mortgage or land contract;
- payment of rent for eligible individuals or families for the same period of time and for the same cost types being assisted through any other federal, state, or local housing subsidy program;
- payments on credit card bills or other consumer debt, including child support or garnishments;
- provision of cash assistance;
- payment of costs of discharge planning programs in mainstream institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, jails, or prisons; and
- payment for religious activities (Note: While organizations that are religious or faith based are eligible to receive ESG funds, religious activities must be conducted separately, in time and location, from ESG-funded activities and participation must be voluntary for program participants).

Termination, Grievance and Conflict of Interest Policies

Termination or Denial of Assistance

Sub grantee(s) must have written denial, termination, and grievance policies and procedures. The policies and procedures should be readily available to program participants either in writing or by posting them in a public place. Copies and explanation of the policies and procedures must be provided directly to any client when denial, termination or other action affects the

client's ability to receive assistance. The notice must provide the specific reason(s) for the action and provide a process the applicant can follow to request a review of the decision.

If sub grantee is terminating rental assistance to the program participant, they must provide at least 30 days' notice to the program participant and immediately notify the landlord of the date rental assistance for their tenant will end. Termination from assistance does not prevent sub grantee from providing further assistance, later, to the same household or individual if they are determined eligible for such assistance.

Grievance and Appeals Process

Sub grantee is required to have an established process for addressing client grievances for decisions, including termination or reduction of benefit, denial of benefit or other grievance. At a minimum, the process must include the following components:

- Informs the participant/applicant of the policy and documents participant/applicant acknowledgement of grievance procedure in client file;
- Informs the participant/applicant that they may contest any decision that denies (for any reason) or limits eligibility of participant/applicant and/or terminates or modifies any benefits;
- Allows any aggrieved person a minimum of thirty days within which to request an administrative review;
- Informs the applicant/participant of their right to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the decision;
- Informs the applicant/participant and SPEH in writing of the final determination and basis for the decision within ten days of the determination.

Any person or persons designated by sub grantee can complete the administrative review, other than the person who made or approved the decision under review or a subordinate of this person. SPEH retains the right to require modification of any review or appeals process that in its determination does not meet basic principles for notification, instruction, time allowance, impartiality and access. Sub grantees must make accommodations for clients who have language or disability barriers that would prevent them from participating in the appeals process.

Conflict of Interest

Organizational

The provision of any type or amount of ESG assistance may not be conditioned on an individual's or household's acceptance or occupancy of emergency shelter or housing owned by sub grantee or an affiliated organization. A sub grantee is prohibited from conducting a participant's intake assessment to determine program eligibility if the participant resides in housing where the sub grantee has ownership interest. Sub grantee would need to find another independent organization that is also an ESG grantee to do the intake assessment and ensure that all program participants are eligible even if the sub grantee has a waiver of the conflict of

interest requirements. Conflict of interest waivers regarding rent assistance and rental agreement requirements can only be approved by HUD. If a sub grantee wishes to apply for a waiver, they should contact the SPEH Chief Executive Officer for guidance in submission of a waiver request which must be approved by SPEH who will then submit to HUD. See 24 CFR 576.404(a).

Sub grantee must keep records to show compliance with ESG programs organizational conflicts-of-interest requirements.

Individual

For the procurement of goods and services, sub grantee must comply with the codes of conduct and conflict of interest requirements under 24 CFR 85.36 (for governments) or 24 CFR 84.42 (for private nonprofit organizations).

Persons for whom the Conflict of Interest requirements apply include any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the sub grantee agency. No person who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to activities assisted under the ESG program, or who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to activities assisted under the Program, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from an assisted activity; have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to an assisted activity; or have a financial interest in the proceeds derived from an assisted activity, either for him or herself or for those with whom he or she has family or business ties, during his or her tenure or during the one-year period following his or her tenure.

Sub grantees wishing an exception must submit written requests to SPEH for review and forwarding to appropriate contractor. There is no guarantee that an exception will be approved.

Recordkeeping Requirements for All CoC Projects

Participant Recordkeeping Requirements

Sub grantees must follow the established intake procedures that include requirement of written documentation verifying eligibility for program services. Sufficient records must be established and maintained to enable the CoC and HUD to determine whether ESG requirements are being met. Suncoast Partnership will monitor any sub recipients assisting the CoC sub grantee with the ESG program to ensure the sub grantee maintains appropriate and complete records. Documentation of client eligibility and services received must be maintained in printed or electronically-saved client case files, including files for applicants found to be ineligible. File documentation will be the basis of Suncoast Partnership monitoring to ensure sub grantee is in compliance with program requirements and HUD regulations.

Participant Recordkeeping Requirements include:

- All records containing personally identifying information must be kept secure and confidential;

- Programs must have written confidentiality/privacy notice a copy of which should be made available to participants if requested;
- Documentation of homelessness must be kept (following HUD's guidelines) if CoC funded; Non- CoC funded providers must document homeless/at-risk status per funder requirements.
- A record of services and assistance provided to each participant;
- Documentation of any applicable requirements for providing services/assistance;
- Documentation of use of One*by*1 Coordinated Entry System;
- Documentation of use of HMIS;
- Records must be retained for a minimum of 5 years as prescribed by HUD.
- Financial Recordkeeping Requirements for CoC Funded Projects include:
    - Documentation for all costs charged to the grant;
    - Documentation that funds were spent on allowable costs;
    - Documentation of the receipt and use of program income;
    - Documentation of compliance with expenditure limits and deadlines;
    - Records of all procurement actions as applicable.
    - Documentation of amount, source and use of resources for each match contribution;
    - Documentation of audits, financial statements, bank statements, general ledgers, and financial policies/procedures.

Sub grantees shall retain all program records pertinent to client services and expenditures paid with ESG funds in a manner consistent with the requirements of state and federal law. Currently, program records including client files must be retained for a minimum of five (5) years. Program records for major rehabilitation or conversion of emergency shelter buildings must be retained for at least ten (10) years from the date that ESG funds were first obligated. Fiscal records, which include books, documents, papers, plans, and agency records that document all program expenditures, must be retained for a minimum of six (6) years, or such longer period as may be required due to any audit, controversy or litigation arising out of, or relating to, program use.

Definitions

HUD Chronic Homeless Definition

For all dedicated/prioritized chronically homeless units, participants must meet the chronically homeless definition as stated in Definition of Chronically Homeless final rule which is:

A "homeless individual with a disability," as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:

- lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
- Has been homeless and living as described in paragraph (a)(i) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in paragraph (a)(i). Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90
- days will not constitute as a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering an institutional care facility;
- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all the criteria in paragraph (a) of this definition, before entering thefacility;
- A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all the criteria in paragraph (a) or (b) of this definition (as described in Section
- I.D.2. (a) of this Notice), including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

The HUD Chronic Homelessness Final Rule can be found online: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Defining-Chronically-Homeless-Final-Rule.pdf

HUD Homeless Definition

Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; (Category 1)

Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence; (Category 2)

Unaccompanied youth and families with children and youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition;

(Category 3)

Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member. (Category 4)

The HUD Homeless Definition with recordkeeping requirements can be found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefEligibility%20_SHP_SPC_ESG.pdf

HUD Definition of At-Risk of Homelessness:

Category 1 -Individuals and families who:

Have an annual income below 30% of median family income for the area; AND

Do not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the "homeless" definition; AND

Meets one of the following conditions:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons 2or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR

(C) Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR

(E) Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; OR

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved Consolidated Plan.

Category 2 – A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under other Federal statutes such as under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

Category 3 – An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under the homeless definition, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

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