

Meeting Date
July 22, 2014



AGENDA	
Section	PUBLIC HEARING
Item No.	<u>III.A.</u>

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	PUBLIC HEARING, RE: FY 2014-2015 BREVARD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN (Fiscal Impact: None)
DEPT/OFFICE:	HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a Public Hearing, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the purpose of receiving public comments on the goals and priorities set forth in the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Consortium's Consolidated Annual Action Plan and the recommended HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding priorities set forth in Brevard County's 2014-15 Annual Action Plan. Final approval of the funding allocations for the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan will be presented to the Board on August 5, 2014.

Summary Explanation & Background:

HUD requires recipients of HOME and CDBG funds to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is both a document and a process. It is a collaborative initiative whereby a community establishes priorities for its housing, community development, homeless and economic development activities. The Consolidated Plan covers the five year period from 2011-2016 and serves numerous community planning functions. It enables communities to view their HUD programs as isolated tools to solve narrow functional problems, and it provides an occasion to embrace a comprehensive vision of housing and community development.

On an annual basis the HOME Consortium, which consists of Brevard County as the Lead Agency and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay, must prepare and submit as one document an Annual Action Plan using goals and priorities established in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan provides an implementation guide for the broad goals and priorities outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. Consortium Members work together to develop strategies on how HOME funds and other identified resources will be utilized to assist very low income households (\$30,350 for a family of 4) and low income households (\$48,550 for a family of 4) in achieving decent, safe and affordable housing.

For the CDBG Annual Action Plans, each Consortium Member formulates its own separate Action Plan. Within their respective jurisdictions each will spend CDBG funds promoting safe neighborhoods, capital improvements, economic development, public services, improvements for public housing and homeless, as well as providing other housing assistance programs.

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Clerk to the Board instruction: None needed

Exhibits Attached: FY 2014-15 Annual Action Plan and copy of Public Notice

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager		Assistant County Manager - Venetta Valdengo		Department Director / Extension - Ian Golden 5-2076			
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For FY 2014-2015 HOME funds will be awarded to the County and disbursed to the cities through a disbursement agreement utilizing a HUD defined formula. Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis. The Consortium will receive a total of \$624,092 in HOME funds for FY 2014-2015 to begin on October 1, 2014. The County will receive \$152,072.48 and the cities will receive \$472,019.52 (Titusville - \$88,539.20; Cocoa - \$47,031.36; Melbourne - \$150,516.64; and Palm Bay - \$185,932.32). Unlike HOME funding, each Consortium Member receives a direct CDBG allocation from HUD. For FY 2014-2015 Brevard County will receive \$1,170,088 in CDBG funds.

Public Meetings on the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan were announced and held on February 27, 2014 and March 20, 2014. On June 16, 2014, a 30 day comment period was initiated through a public notice which was posted in the Florida TODAY outlining the recommended allocation of funds and to notify residents of this Public Hearing. All written public comments received to date are attached as part of the Annual Action Plan.

Fiscal Impact: FY – 13-14 – There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Funds will be budgeted in HOME Cost Center 1472-303052 and CDBG Cost Center 1470-303051.

FY – 14-15 – There will be no impact to the General Fund

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July 23, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director Attn: Chenita Joiner

RE: Item III.A, Public Hearing for FY 2014-2015 Brevard County Home Consortium Consolidated One-Year Action Plan

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 22, 2014, conducted a public hearing, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the purpose of receiving public comments on the goals and priorities set forth in the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Consortium's Consolidated Annual Action Plan and the recommended HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding priorities set forth in Brevard County's 2014-15 Annual Action Plan. Final approval of the funding allocations for the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan will be presented to the Board on August 5, 2014.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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4th Program Year Action Plan FY 2014-2015

The CPMP Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The fourth (4) Program Year of the 2011-2016 five (5) year Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 provides a description of the activities Brevard County will undertake between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 utilizing the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership funds awarded to the Brevard County HOME Consortium. These activities will address priority needs and objectives identified in the FY 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan.

The Brevard County HOME Consortium (Consortium) is a legal entity created through an intergovernmental agreement between Brevard County and the Cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne, and Palm Bay. Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are awarded through the Consortium using a predetermined formula. The Consortium's mission is to increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing for low to moderate income persons living in Brevard County. The Consortium provides leadership in preparing plans, reports, developing policies and procedures, and providing program solutions to address affordable housing challenges in Brevard County.

As the lead entity, Brevard County (County) receives HOME funds on behalf of the Consortium and contracts with each city individually. HOME funds can be used for activities that promote affordable rental housing and homeownership for lower income households, including acquisition, new construction and reconstruction, moderate and substantial rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance and tenant-based rental assistance.

Each city within the Consortium is a CDBG entitlement community and therefore receives CDBG funds separately from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each city develops a plan for their specific CDBG funds. HUD requires that both the HOME Consolidated Plan and CDBG Plans be submitted together. The cities' CDBG Plans are included as an appendix to this Action Plan.

The CDBG program has a primary objective of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities that principally benefit persons of low and moderate income. Funds can be used for a wide

array of activities, including housing rehabilitation, capital improvements, lead-based paint detection and removal, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities, public services and site acquisition for affordable housing.

CDBG and HOME entitlement funding is used as leverage in order to receive additional funding to assist with housing, supportive services, and community development needs. While the primary focus of this Action Plan is CDBG and HOME, leveraged funding used to achieve our consolidated plan goals will also be identified.

To the greatest extent feasible, the Action Plan focuses on the goals of the Brevard County HOME Consortium as they pertain to the preservation and development of affordable housing in the Consortium service area, community development projects, and public service programs in the County's unincorporated CDBG strategy areas.

The key strategic objectives and outcomes of the HOME Consortium Action Plan are to:

- Improve access to affordable housing through first time homebuyer purchase assistance, working with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to purchase and rehabilitate existing units for sale or rent, conducting fair housing workshops and offering rental assistance.
- Improve the quality of owner occupied housing through rehabilitation programs, which will provide sustainability to the occupant and neighborhood.
- Increase the availability of community development in neighborhood strategy areas through projects which improve the quality of life and provide safer living environments.
- Increase accessibility through neighborhood public service programs to improve health care, educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency.
- Increase performance and accountability through evaluation.
- Improve quality of life through client education about lead based paint and asbestos hazards. Testing and mitigation will be done when necessary.
- Promote and support facilities and services for the homeless and those that are threatened with homelessness.

EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE

Brevard County advertised and held public hearings on April 10 and May 20, 2014, to hear comments and receive citizen input on the County's performance and accomplishments during the 2012-2013 program year. Each City within the Consortium also held public hearings in each of the cities to hear comments and receive citizen input on their performances and accomplishments. Details of the County and City's performance during the 2012-2013 program year are provided in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) on file at the County office of Housing and Human Services.

Housing Performance:

The Consortium has focused on addressing affordable housing goals and objectives and the County has addressed the priority needs for Community Development for the FY 2012-2013 reporting period, based on the priority needs identified in the FY 2011-2016 five-year Consolidated Plan.

The Consortium's priorities for providing affordable housing are:

- Affordable "Owner-Occupied " Housing
- Affordable "Rental" Housing
- Fair Housing

In addition to receiving HOME and CDBG entitlement funds, the Consortium leverages additional resources through local, state and federal opportunities to help address the Consortium's Housing and Community Development needs. Last fiscal year, the Consortium focused on foreclosed properties, stabilizing neighborhoods and infrastructure needs in Brevard County's low-income neighborhoods.

The following chart outlines the Brevard County Consortium's affordable housing accomplishments based on the latest fiscal year's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) FY 2012-13. It lists HOME funds expended, units assisted, accomplishments individually for each objective, additional leveraged funds obtained to assist with housing needs, and a total for all assisted units.

IDIS Matrix #	OBJECTIVE	HOME FUNDING AMOUNT	HOME ASSISTED UNITS	ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES	OTHER ASSISTED UNITS	TOTAL ASSISTED UNITS
13	Home Ownership Assistance	\$753,188.18	102	\$194,424.56	408	510
14A	Repair/Replacement Owner	\$523,341.81	19	\$1,211,760.47	164	183
12	CHDO Set-Aside Ownership	\$32,441	1	\$0	0	1
12	CHDO Set-Aside Rental	\$649,745	9			9
12	Special Needs & Rental Housing	\$475,806.78	7	\$0	0	7
05J	Fair Housing	\$6,500	55	\$4,070	10	65
01	Infill Housing Ownership/Rental	\$9,753.32	1	\$5,059,260.75	33	34
O5S	TBRA Rental	\$44,000	9	-	-	9
21A	HOME Program Admin	\$95,640	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		\$2,590,416.09	203	\$6,469,515.78	615	818

Non-Housing/ Community Development Performance:

Brevard County's FY 12-13 CDBG Community Development priority needs are:

- Public Safety, Crime Prevention
- Public Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Demolition and Clearance Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

The CDBG Program expended a total of **\$720,243** on public facilities and improvements, **\$13,461** for demolition and clearance, **\$159,081** on public service programs, and **\$235,944** for administration.

Although Brevard County does not have a HUD-approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, seven (7) locally designated Neighborhood Strategy Areas (NSAs) have been approved by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

The Housing and Human Services Department works closely with these communities, focusing on identified activities within their communities.

Below is the FY 12-13 CDBG's program performance report

Jurisdictional CDBG Priorities – Brevard County

PRIORITY NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED: DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE

Objective: Creating a suitable living environment through availability and accessibility.

Project / Agency	Description	Accomplishments
Brevard County Demolition and Clearance Program County Wide Brevard County, Florida Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: SBS Priority: H IDIS Matrix #04	Spot blight demolition and clearance of vacant unoccupied substandard structures that are vacant for at least three (3) consecutive months.	Two (2) unsafe structures were removed from our CDBG strategy areas. Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$13,461</u>

PRIORITY NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS: INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC FACILITIES

Objective: Creating a suitable living environment through availability and accessibility.

Project / Agency	Description	Accomplishments
East Mims Exercise Room Location: CT601 BG4&5(Part) Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03F	This project consists of the survey, design and construction of a building to provide an area for citizens to exercise, and improve their health.	The design phase is continuing. Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$38,118.</u>

<p>Short Street Improvements</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 625 BG 3 West Cocoa</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03I</p>	<p>This project will provide drainage improvements, eliminating local flooding during periods of heavy rain and hurricanes.</p>	<p>Design and permitting is completed. The project will be bid out by May 31, 2014.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$ 30,980</u></p>
<p>West Cocoa Pocket Park</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 625 BG 3 West Cocoa</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03F</p>	<p>Acquisition of an area to survey, design and construct a privately owned low- impact park w/ playground equipment.</p>	<p>Staff met w/ property owners and community. Staff also met with the County Attorney to help facilitate the process needed to accomplish the stated description.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$29,680</u></p>
<p>Burnett Road Improvements/Streetscape</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 625 BG 3 West Cocoa</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03L</p>	<p>Survey, design and construction of small drainage improvements along with sidewalk and tree planting with rest areas along the roadway.</p>	<p>Survey completed and design is continuing.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$33,610</u></p>
<p>Wiley Street Improvements</p> <p>Location: CT601 BG4&5(Part)</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03L</p>	<p>Design and construction of drainage improvements, sidewalks, and paving.</p>	<p>Construction completed.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$142,878</u></p>
<p>Main Street Improvements</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 601 BG 4&5 (Part)</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03K</p>	<p>Design and construction of drainage improvements, sidewalks, and paving.</p>	<p>Construction completed</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$194,352</u></p>

<p>Woody Simpson Park Community Room</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 699.02 BG3&BG2(part) CT697 BG 1 (Part)</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03F</p>	<p>This project will consist of the construction of a Multi-purpose building for the purpose of carrying out needed services and activities for the low to moderate income persons living in Merritt Island.</p>	<p>The design phase was 90% complete. Due to budget restrictions, Parks and Recreation has requested the project be redesigned to incorporate rehabilitation to their existing building and not construct a new building.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$-0-</u></p>
<p>Player Lane Extension</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 699.02 BG3&BG2(part) CT697 BG 1 (Part)</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03L</p>	<p>This project will consist of paving, drainage improvements, acquisition of easements and possibly lots for the extension of road. Platting of the area may be required.</p>	<p>Construction began August 2013 and was completed by September 30, 2013.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 12/13 <u>\$129,844</u></p>
<p>West Canaveral Groves Water Line Project.</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 712 BG 2 (Part)</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03J</p>	<p>This activity consists of the installation of a waterline that runs approximately three miles, and fire hydrants for health and safety concerns.</p>	<p>It has been determined that Brevard County will not qualify for the USDA grant/loan. Staff is investigating alternative funding and services that may positively impact the community.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$-0-</u></p>
<p>Priority: H West Cocoa Neighborhood Signage</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 625 BG 3 West Cocoa</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA Priority: H IDIS Matrix #03</p>	<p>This project will consist of the construction of Neighborhood identification signs.</p>	<p>Two entrance signs identifying the respective neighborhoods were completed.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$ 27,626</u></p>

<p>Woody Simpson Park (WSP) Exercise Trail</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 699.02 BG 3 Houston Avenue, Merritt Island, FL</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03F</p>	<p>This project will consist of the design and construction of a concrete walking trail in and around WSP, running approximately ¼ mile.</p>	<p>Construction was completed September 2013.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$91,733</u></p>
<p>Street Lighting Projects Location: Census Tract 699.02 BG 3 M.I. Census Tract 601 BG 4 & 5 (Part) Mims.</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03K</p>	<p>This project will consist of the installation of strategically placed lighting at intersections within the Mims, Merritt Island, and W. Cocoa neighborhoods to increase visibility and enhance safety.</p>	<p>In an effort to enhance safety, staff is working with the neighborhoods to develop strategic lighting plans that increase visibility in low-lighted areas.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>-0-</u></p>
<p>Schoolhouse and Hill Street Paving and Drainage</p> <p>Location: Census Tract 625 BG 3 West Cocoa Census Tract 699.02 BG 3 M.I.</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H IDIS Matrix # 03I</p>	<p>This project consists of the design and construction of roadway and drainage improvements.</p>	<p>The Hill Street roadway, drainage and utility improvements funded under the CDBG-R Grant are completed. Schoolhouse street reconstruction and paving design has been completed and was in review for permitting.</p> <p>Total Funds Expended FY 13/14 <u>\$1,422</u></p>

PRIORITY NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS: PUBLIC SERVICES

Objective: Creating a suitable living environment through availability and accessibility.

Project / Agency	Description	Accomplishments
<p><i>Project Name:</i> Public Services (General) (Structured Comprehensive Learning Program)</p>	<p>The Cuyler Community Learning Center provided an environment in a classroom setting where educational and enrichment programs were</p>	<p>373 local residents utilized the Cuyler Community Learning Center and participated in tutoring for school-age participants, computer training, homework</p>

<p><i>Responsible Agency:</i> (Brevard County Parks and Recreation/Cuyler Community Learning Center)</p> <p><i>Location:</i> 2329 Harry T. Moore Avenue, Brevard County, Fl</p> <p><i>Services Provided:</i> Area Benefit</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H <i>Regulation:</i> 570.201(e)</p>	<p>available to the residents in the East Mims Community. Participants were adults, children, non-technical organizations, and professional organizations. Activities were based on computer education and tutoring assistance, with special regard for children. Drug prevention training was also available.</p>	<p>assistance, college program workshops, sample SAT and ACT tests, and drug awareness and prevention activities. Additional community workshops and training included resume building, senior fitness, teen pregnancy awareness, and music therapy & appreciation.</p> <p>The majority of residents that utilized the Cuyler Community Learning Center were in the low income range (370) and the remaining participating residents were in the moderate income range (3).</p> <p>Total Expended: <u>\$67,795</u></p>
<p><i>Project Name:</i> Public Services (General) (Structured Comprehensive Learning Program)</p> <p><i>Responsible Agency:</i> (Friendship Community Development/Central Brevard Community Services)</p> <p><i>Location:</i> 385 South Burnett Road, Brevard County, Fl</p> <p><i>Services Provided:</i> Area Benefit</p> <p>Funding Type: CDBG National Objective: LMA</p> <p>Priority: H <i>Regulation:</i> 570.201(e)</p>	<p>Friendship Community Development/Central Brevard Community Services provided a comprehensive structure that met the community resident's education, economics, social and cultural need for age groups Pre-K through our esteem senior population. The goal was to increase the knowledge in various areas for education to cultural history.</p>	<p>Central Brevard Community Services provided a variety of programs to 285 local residents to include pre-school children, youth and seniors that included arts & crafts, computer lab/training, reading assistance, and nutrition workshops. Other workshops included; estate planning, financial planning and budgeting, health screening, self esteem and peer pressure, anger management, clerical training, resume writing, job hunting skills, special events, and field trips.</p> <p>Of the 229 residents, 15 were considered extremely low income, 176 were low income and the remaining 38 were in the moderate income range.</p> <p>Total Expended: <u>\$91,286</u></p>

Brevard County anticipates receiving \$1,170,088 in CDBG funds for Community Development activities for unincorporated Brevard County. Additionally, the HOME

Consortium anticipates receiving \$624,092 in HOME Program funds. Below are the requested line item expenditures based upon anticipated funding.

The Consortium's FY 2014-2015 HOME funds of \$624,092, to be allocated as follows:

PROJECT/STRATEGIES	Units Assisted HOME \$\$	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT ALLOCATED	BREVARD COUNTY ALLOCATION
CHDO Set Aside (<i>Required 15% Minimum</i>)	5	\$93,612	\$22,810.87
Purchase Assistance	25	\$196,740	\$104,613.13
Owner Rehabilitation	8	\$207,751	\$110,000
Acquisition Resale/Rental			
Rental Assistance/TBRA	5	\$55,080	0
Administration (<i>10% maximum</i>)		\$62,409	\$24,648
Fair Housing (<i>paid out of 10% administration</i>)	24	\$8,500	\$2,500
Total		\$624,092	\$152,072

The County's CDBG funds are \$1,170,088 to be allocated as follows:

PROPOSED PROJECTS	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
<u>Public Facilities & Improvement Projects</u>	
• Burnett Road Beautification & Sidewalk	\$155,219
• Schoolhouse Paving & Drainage	\$155,220
• Woody Simpson Park Community Room	\$155,219
• West Cocoa Pocket Park	\$273,900
• Demolition & Clearance	\$21,000
Sub-total	\$760,558
<u>Public Service Activities (15% Maximum)</u>	
• Cuyler Community Learning Center	\$66,923
• Central Brevard Sharing Center	\$45,246
• Early Learning Coalition	\$18,098
• Community Services Council of Brevard	\$22,623
• Friendship Community Development	\$22,623
Sub-total	\$175,513
<u>Administration (20% maximum)</u>	\$234,017
Grand-total	\$1,170,088

Consortium Goals

The goals of the 2014-2015 Action Plan, utilizing HOME funds for Affordable Housing, are as follows:

- **One Year Goal:** to preserve, through owner-occupied rehabilitation, 8 units of existing housing stock.
- **One Year Goal:** to assist homeownership opportunities for 25 households, through purchase assistance.
- **One Year Goal:** to assist with rental opportunities/rehab for 0 households.
- **One Year Goal:** to assist with tenant rental assistance for 5 households.
- **One Year Goal:** to assist 24 people with a fair housing seminar and provide funding for testing.

Brevard County CDBG Goals

Goals of the 2014-2015 year Consolidated Plan and current outputs, utilizing CDBG funds are as follows:

- **One Year Goal:** Public Services – Improve services for 3035 LMI Persons.
- **One Year Goal:** Public Facilities – Improve quality and increase CDBG Strategy Neighborhood public facilities – numerical goal 1523.
- **One Year Goal:** Infrastructure – Improve quality and increase infrastructure within CDBG Neighborhood Strategy Areas – numerical goal 3654.
- **One Year Goal:** Demolition – Prevention and elimination of slum and blight in CDBG Neighborhood Strategy Areas – numerical goal 3 safe structures removed.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low-income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.
2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

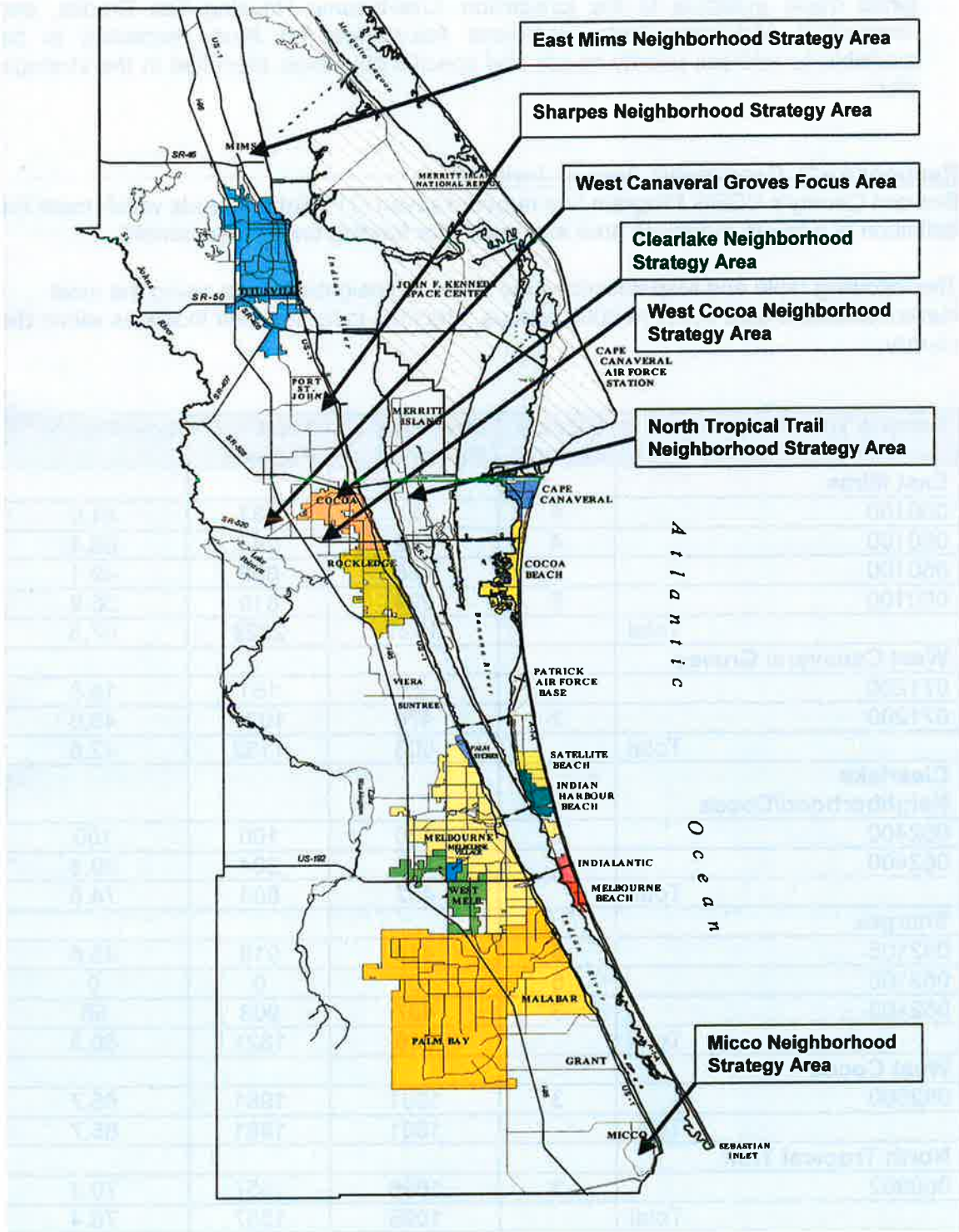
Response #1: Geographic Area of Jurisdiction

Brevard County’s CDBG Program has targeted seven (7) neighborhoods which meet the definition of a low to moderate area and qualify for funding under area benefit.

The following table and Map describes the seven (7) neighborhoods, using the most current available data from the 2000 census. The map indicates their locations within the county.

Census Tract	Block Group	Low/Mod Persons	Total Persons	Low/Mod %
East Mims				
060100	4	724	887	81.6
060100	4	162	244	66.4
060100	5	436	888	49.1
060100	5	299	810	36.9
Total		1621	2829	57.3
West Canaveral Groves				
071200	2	27	161	16.8
071200	2	476	1021	46.6
Total		503	1182	42.6
Clearlake Neighborhood/Cocoa				
062400	2	100	100	100
062400	2	352	504	69.8
Total		452	604	74.8
Sharpes				
062105	5	419	918	45.6
062105	5	0	0	0
062103	3	497	903	55
Total		916	1821	50.3
West Cocoa				
062500	3	1301	1981	65.7
Total		1301	1981	65.7
North Tropical Trail				
069902	3	1096	1557	70.4
Total		1096	1557	70.4
Micco				
065234	1	482	992	48.6
065234	1	1286	2465	52.2
Total		1768	3457	51.1

AREA MAP



The Brevard County HOME Consortium is made up of the four largest cities and the County: Brevard County and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne, and Palm Bay invests HOME Funds County-wide. The smaller incorporated cities have the opportunity to enter into an Inter-local Urban County Agreement with the County. Presently eight of the cities (Cocoa Beach, Indian River, Indian Harbour Beach, Malabar, Melbourne Village, Palm Shores, Rockledge, Satellite Beach), have agreed to join in the Urban County Agreement, allowing the County to use the cities demographics for CDBG funding. The Consortium is responsible for administering funds that are received from HUD's HOME Investment Partnership Program. The Consortium assists low to moderate income persons to "achieve decent, safe and affordable housing." Each individual entity is responsible for the expenditure of funds within their borders. The expenditure of HOME and CDBG funds is used for affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, capital improvements, economic development, public services improvements for housing of the homeless, and public housing.

Specific areas of low to moderate income persons can be seen by the maps that follow in this section. Most of these areas are concentrated in the older neighborhoods in the County and the municipalities. Minority concentrations are also illustrated by the maps that follow. Four maps are included to identify the concentrations of the special populations in Brevard County. The maps also include the locations of the target neighborhoods located throughout Brevard County. The first targeted population map illustrates the concentration of the population below the poverty line. The second and third maps indicate the concentration of Black and Hispanic populations respectively. As Florida has a history of being a retirement mecca and the elderly are persons on a fixed income, the fourth map displays the locations having the highest density of the elderly population. A location map identifying all municipalities as well as an index of the neighborhood targeted areas precedes the special population maps. The following Exhibits are:

Exhibit 1- Brevard County Municipal Location Map, which includes the identification of the municipalities within Brevard County.

Exhibit 1B- Index of Target Areas by Jurisdiction and Location which indicates the identification of each of the Target Areas for the Consortium Members, an Identification Number and location by Census Tracts and Block Groups.

Exhibit 2 – Location Map of Population Below Poverty Line with Target Areas
The areas of the County with the highest percentages of households below the Poverty Line, with the identified Target Areas

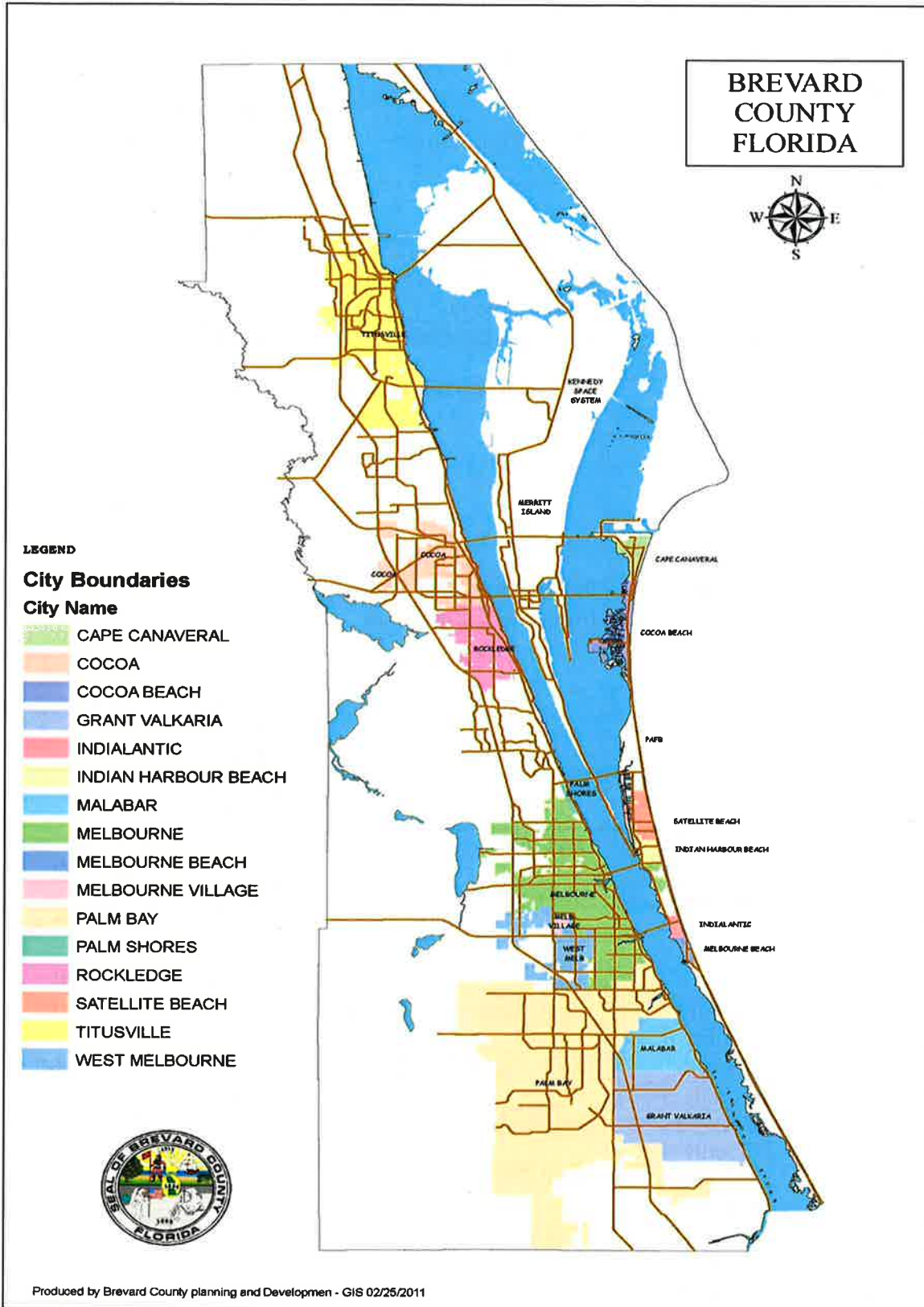
Exhibit 3 – Location Map of Black or African-American Population with Target Areas
The areas of the County with the highest percentages of Black or African American households, with the identified Target Areas

Exhibit 4 – Location Map of Hispanic or Latino Population with Target Areas- The areas of the County with the highest percentages of Hispanic or Latino households, with the identified Target Areas

Exhibit 5 – Location Map of Elderly Population with Target Areas-The areas of the County with the highest percentages of Elderly households, with the identified Target Areas

**Location Maps
By
Census Tracts Within
Brevard County**

EXHIBIT 1: Brevard County Municipal Location Map



**EXHIBIT 1B: HOME CONSORTIUM
INDEX OF TARGET AREAS BY JURISDICTION AND LOCATION**

ID Number	Jurisdiction	Name of Target Area	Location: Census Tract (s)	Location: Block Group (s)
C1	Cocoa	Cocoa Target Area	623	3,6
			626	1,2,3,4
			627	1
M1	Melbourne	North Target Area – Booker T. Washington Neighborhood	643.02	2
M2	Melbourne	South Target Area	649.02	2, 3, 4
			651.01	2
T1	Titusville	South Street Target Area	604	1, 2, 3, 4
			605	2
			606	3
			607	All Block Groups
			608	1, 2
T2	Titusville	Indian River City Target Area	609	2
P1	Palm Bay	Palm Bay Target Area	651.21	3
			651.22	1, 2
			651.23	1, 2, 3, 4
			652.01	1, 3
			652.02	3
			652.33	1
			713.22	3
			713.21	5
B1	Brevard County	East Mims	601	4 (part) and 5 (part)
B2	Brevard County	Sharpes	621.05	5
			621.02	2 (part) and 3
			621.03	3 (part)
B3	Brevard County	West Canaveral Groves	712	2 (part)
B4	Brevard County	North Tropical Trail	699.22	3, 2 (part)
			697	1 (part)
B5	Brevard County	Clearlake	624	2
B6	Brevard County	West Cocoa	625	3
B7	Brevard County	Pine Grove	626	3
B8	Brevard County	Micco	652.34	1(part)

Exhibit 2: Location Map of Population Below Poverty Level with Target Areas

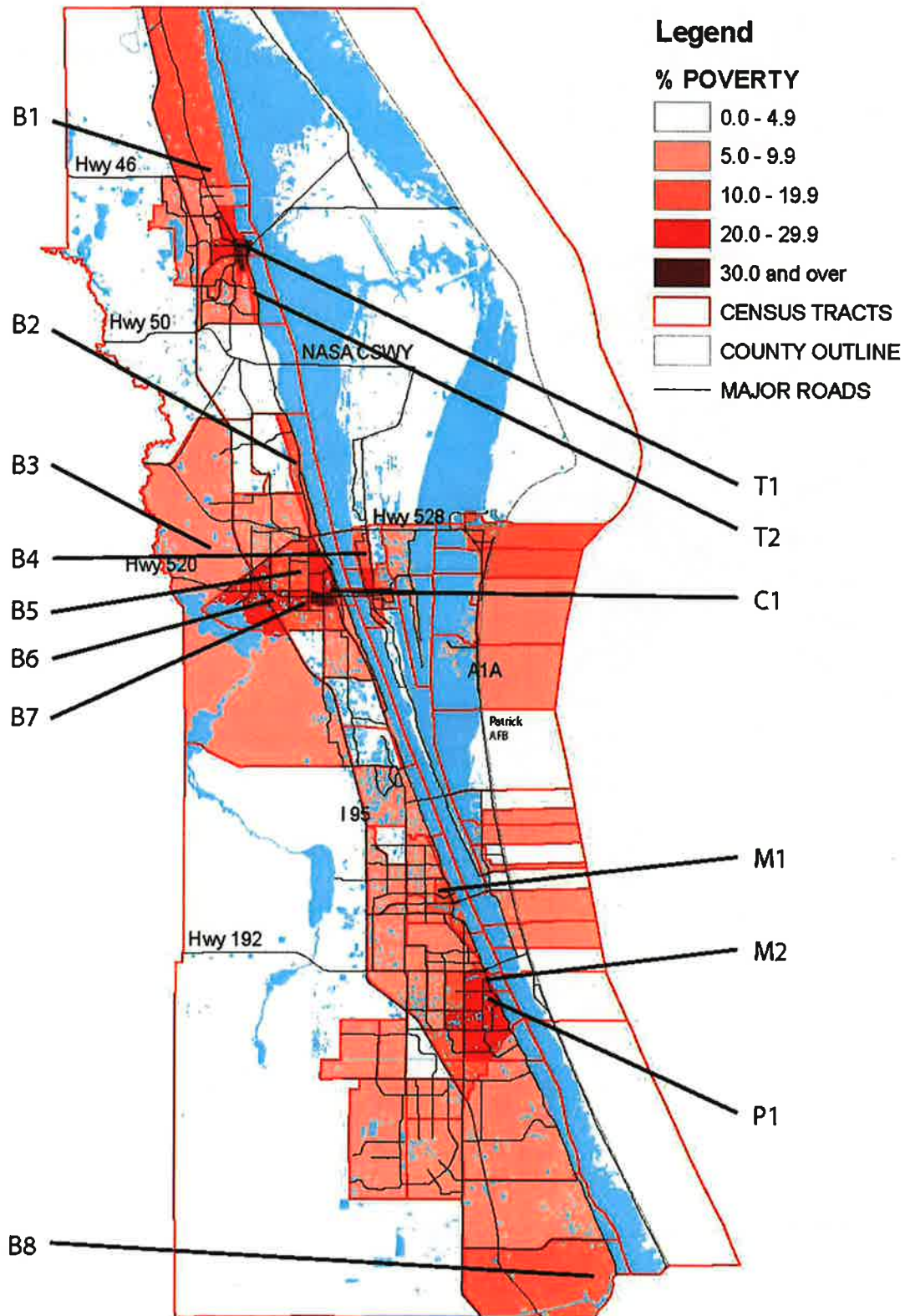


Exhibit 3: Location Map of Black or African American Population with Target Areas

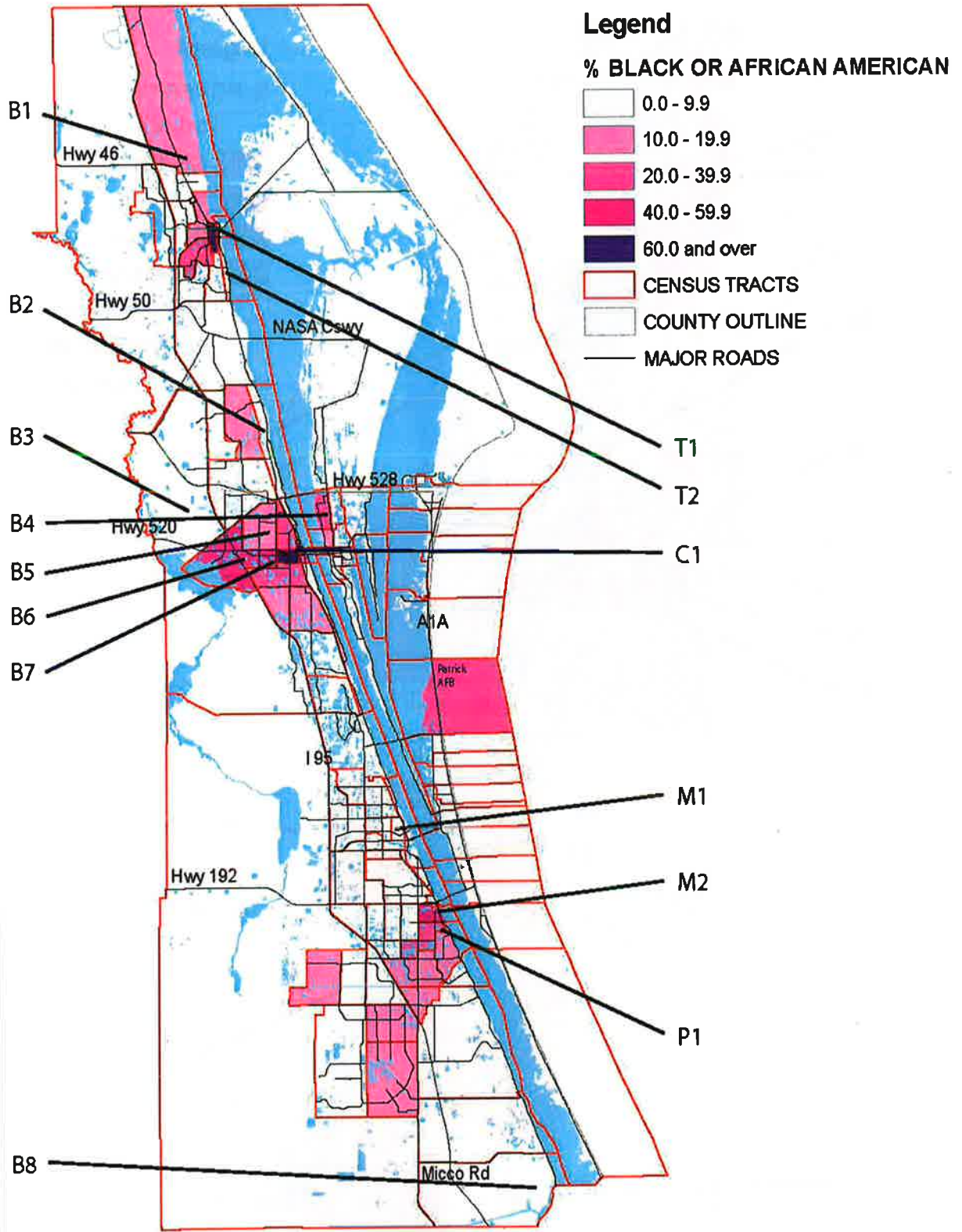


Exhibit 4: Location Map of Hispanic or Latino Population with Target Areas

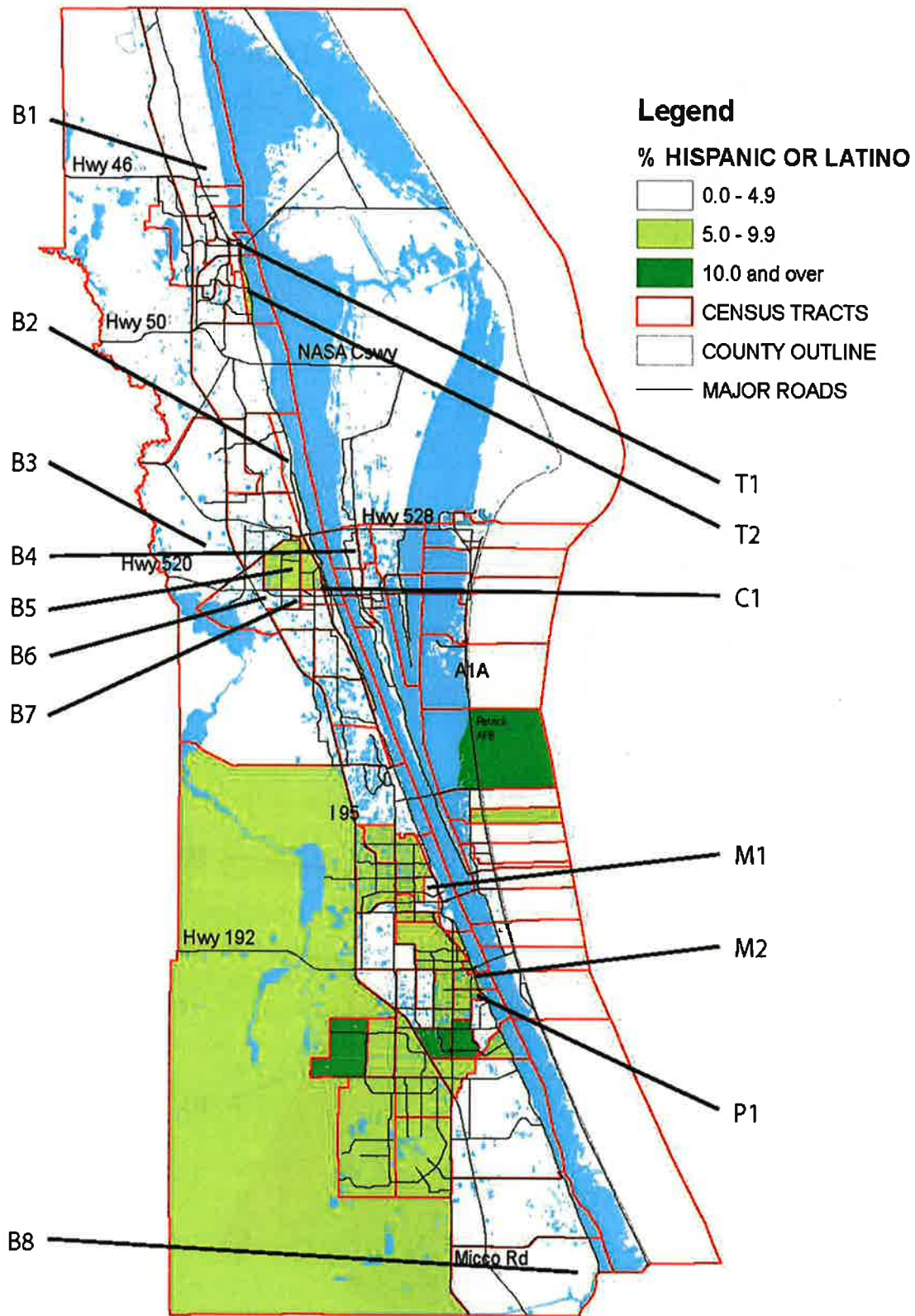
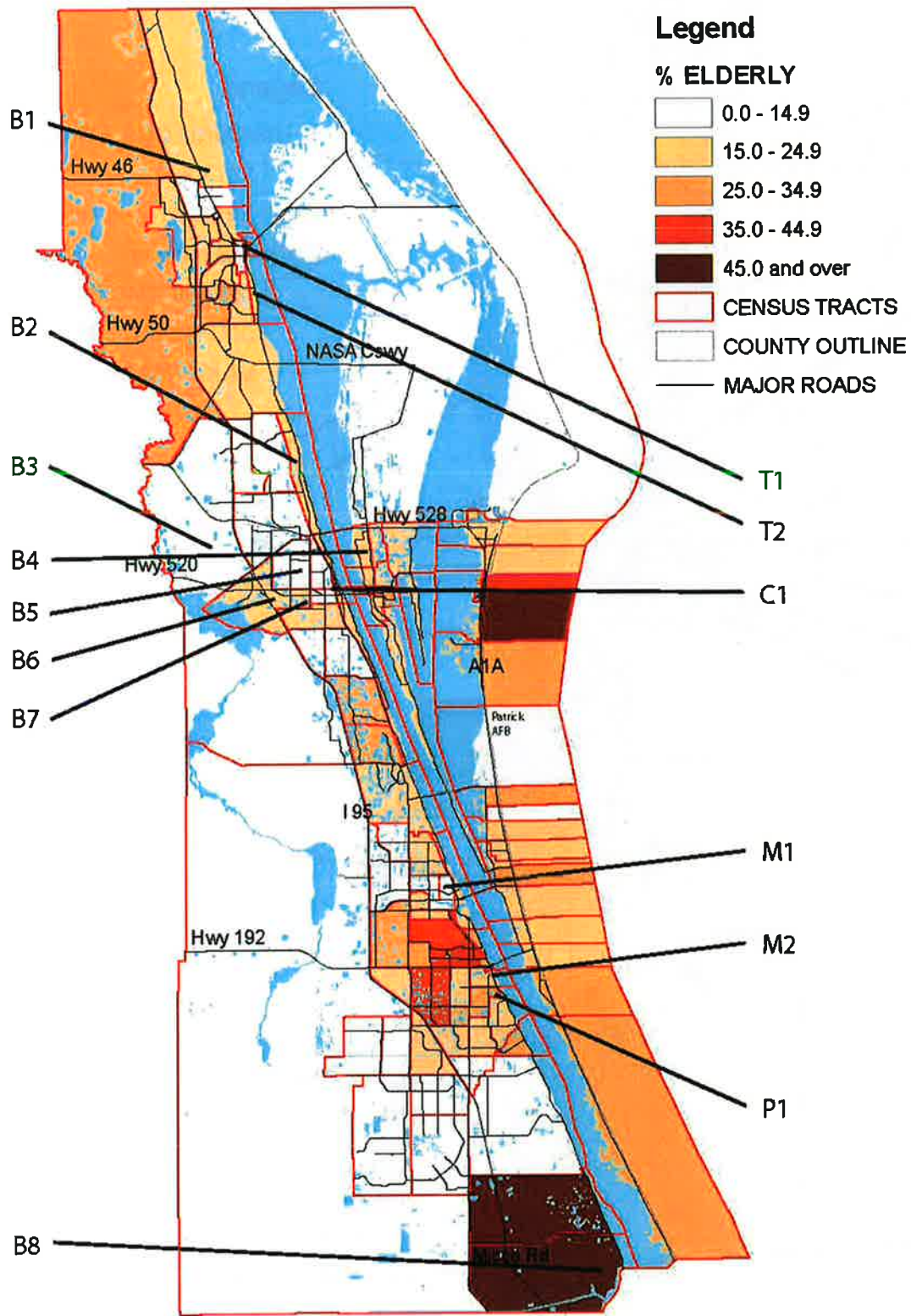


Exhibit 5: Location Map of Elderly Population with Target Area



Response #2: Basis for allocating geographically

The basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction during the 2014-2015 funding year and the rationale for assigning the priorities were based in large part on community input from the surveys and public meetings used to set priorities in developing the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan. When funding is available, the County has a Request for Proposal (RFP) process wherein eligible communities submit an application for needed activities identified and prioritized in their communities.

Response #3: Actions to address obstacles

The Consortium realizes the importance of partnering in order to meet the County's Housing needs. Efforts are continuously made to create incentives for developers/organizations that are able to partner with the Consortium to provide affordable housing activities. Housing providers such as Housing Authorities, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and various other community agencies assist in meeting the County's demand for housing. A variety of funding sources are utilized, including HUD funding, to assist with meeting the County's affordable Housing needs. The Brevard County Consortium will continue applying for additional funding as well as working with builders, developers, bankers, businesses and citizens to create new incentives for affordable housing activities.

Response #4: Identify resources expected to address needs

Brevard County, the HOME Consortium, and our partner agencies receive Federal, State and local funds to address Housing and Community Development needs. HOME and CDBG funds are leveraged in an effort to receive additional funding to be utilized to address the 2011-2016 Brevard County Five (5) year Strategic Plan. The following list is an estimation of funding the Consortium anticipates utilizing during the 2014-2015 program year to address the needs identified in the Action Plan.

<i>FUNDING</i>	<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
HOME	FEDERAL	\$ 624,092
CDBG (includes carry forward funds)	FEDERAL	\$1,926,775
SHIP (includes carry forward funds)	STATE	\$ 831,355
WEATHERIZATION	STATE	\$ 263,828
Brevard Homeless Coalition Staffing Grant	STATE	\$ 71,428
HUD Homeless Coalition (Supportive Housing Grant)	FEDERAL	\$ 828,171
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Palm Bay/United Way	FEDERAL	\$ 473,099
TOTAL		\$5,018,748

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Response #1: Identify lead agency

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners serves as lead agency for the Consortium. Brevard County was designated as lead entity in 1991. With that designation, Brevard County qualifies for HOME Investment Partnership Program funds through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Brevard County Home Consortium was established through a tri-annual inter-local agreement between the cities of Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Titusville. At the end of the agreement period, each member has the option of continuing their participation as a Consortium member.

As lead agency, Brevard County receives HOME funds for the entire Consortium and has the responsibility for ensuring the funds are dispersed to each of the Consortium members. In addition, Brevard County is responsible for completing the consolidated planning process, and ensuring a comprehensive action plan for HOME activities is submitted in a timely manner. Each of the Consortium members is responsible for preparing their own individual CDBG action plan. Within this package, the Brevard County's CDBG plan is incorporated within the main body and each of the cities' individual CDBG Action Plans are located in the appendix. Other responsibilities of Brevard County include: administration of Brevard County HOME funds; as well as project planning and oversight.

Contact information for each Consortium member is listed below:

Brevard County HOME Consortium Contact List

Name	Telephone	Fax	Address
Brevard County	321-633-2076	321-633-2170	Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. B, Suite B-106, Viera, FL 32940
City of Cocoa	321-433-8511	321-433-8543	City of Cocoa Housing and Neighborhood Services Division 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922
City of Melbourne	321-674-5734	321-674-5738	City of Melbourne Housing and Neighborhood Improvement 695 E University Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901
City of Palm Bay	321-952-3429	321-733-3087	City of Palm Bay Housing & Neighborhood Development Services Division 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, FL 32907
City of Titusville	321-383-5781	321-383-5614	City of Titusville Neighborhood Services Department 725 South DeLeon Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780

Response #2: Identify aspects of process of plan development

Brevard County's comprehensive planning process includes attending public meetings, community meetings within our target areas, and various agency meetings throughout the County. Meetings are attended in all areas of the County by members of the Consortium.

The County and the Consortium, in addition to utilizing the Affordable Housing Council and CDBG advisory boards in the development and implementation of its plans, also provides technical support to three groups addressing target issues. These groups include: Together in Partnership (children and families), Brevard Homeless Coalition (homelessness), and the Brevard Commission on Aging (elderly). Representatives from housing and human service agencies, public housing authorities, local governments and concerned citizens comprise the membership of the groups and actively participate in the public meetings. These groups provide and represent a broad spectrum of interests, skills, and knowledge, which greatly aids in the development and implementation of the Action Plan.

Each local government within the Consortium appoints local citizens to an Affordable Housing Advisory Council to provide public input and assist in the planning of the programs covered by the Action Plan. The Brevard County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board also provides input into the County CDBG programs. The Consortium provides technical assistance for all advisory boards.

Brevard County and the Consortium facilitated meetings with residents of neighborhood strategy areas, groups representing homeless and non-homeless persons, citizen advisory boards and local government officials in order to receive input into the Action Plan.

Response #3: Describe Actions to enhance coordination

A Public Service agency priority needs survey was developed and mailed out to all of our social service, health, and housing organizations to gather input as to the needs and gaps within those needs.

The County and the HOME Consortium will continue efforts to enhance coordination and partnerships between public and private housing, health, and social services agencies throughout Brevard County, to seek input from advisory boards, and establish regular scheduled meetings with all CHDOs, and other private and non-profit organizations interested in affordable housing.

Through the regular meetings of the Affordable Housing Councils and the CDBG Advisory Board, there is an opportunity for interested citizens and agencies to make presentations and discuss issues concerning coordination of housing, health, and social service needs.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.

3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

Response #1: Summary of the citizen participation process

The Consortium's Citizen Participation Plan reflects Brevard County's compliance with the HUD requirements **24 CFR 91.105(b)** for citizen participation in all appropriate HUD grant programs. Brevard County has devised specific actions to encourage citizens to participate in the development of this Action Plan, or any substantial amendments to the Plan, particularly low to moderate income citizens.

Brevard County and the Consortium recognizes the benefits of citizen participation and consultation with public and private agencies as an essential component in the comprehensive development of the Consortium's Consolidated Plan and its implementation over the five year period. The Consortium's citizen participation process, for the 2014-2015 Action Plan, began with each of the Consortium members holding public meetings and public hearings throughout their jurisdictions. This approach provided for a range of opportunities for citizens to participate in the development of the one year action plan throughout the Consortium.

At each of the meetings, staff presented an overview of the planning process, the activities and accomplishments of the previous year and anticipated funding amounts for the upcoming year. Staff also reviewed HUD regulations concerning eligible activities and other community resources available to assist in the implementation of desired activities. Following the presentation, citizens were given an opportunity to discuss community needs as they related to their special concerns or neighborhood. Residents' input was encouraged and a summary of citizens' comments on the Action Plan were accepted. The chart below indicates the results of a survey that was sent out to all low to moderate areas within the Consortium's jurisdictions.

PRIORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS	Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low,
PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIME PREVENTION & NUISANCE	
• Street lighting/improved lighting	HIGH
• Crime/Drug/Violence/Safety	HIGH
• Community/Neighborhood policing	HIGH
• Littering	HIGH
• Noise from stereos/residents	HIGH
• Theft/Burglary	HIGH
• Crime/Drugs/Public safety	HIGH
• Vandals/Vandalizing property	HIGH
• Traffic Safety/Transportation	HIGH
• Juvenile crime/Bullying	MEDIUM
• Crime/Police protection	MEDIUM
• Speeding/Traffic calming methods	MEDIUM
• Animal Control/Barking dogs	LOW
• Suspicious activities/delinquents	LOW
PUBLIC SERVICES	
• Youth activities and daycare	HIGH
• Social & human Service needs	HIGH
• Access to social/human services	HIGH
• Transportation/Public transit access	HIGH
• Youth programs	HIGH
• Elder programs	MEDIUM
• After school program	MEDIUM
• Health programs	MEDIUM
• Homeless programs	LOW
• Counseling/Mental health	LOW
• Daycare facility	LOW
INFRASTRUCTURE	
• Roads/Streets/Potholes	HIGH
• Sidewalks and landscaping	HIGH
• Ditches/retention/Drainage and flooding	HIGH
PUBLIC FACILITIES	
• Off street bike paths	HIGH
• Transit shelters	HIGH
• Youth facilities	HIGH
• After school program facilities	HIGH
• Elder facilities	MEDIUM
• Health program facilities	MEDIUM
• Schools	MEDIUM
• Homeless program facilities	LOW
• Parks and recreation	LOW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
• Job development/Job skills	HIGH
DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE	
• Keeping public area clean and maintained	HIGH
• Yards need cleaning/landscaping	HIGH
• Abandoned houses/lots/building	HIGH

Response #2: Summary of citizen comments of views on the plan

Copies of public comments are attached in Section VIII. Public Comment/Notice.

Response #3: Summary of efforts made to broaden participation

Brevard County and Consortium members actively pursued avenues to ensure participation of its citizens in the planning of the Action Plan. This year, in addition to having public notices in the local newspaper, notices were sent electronically to all organizations and agencies on Brevard County's contact list, and posted on the web site.

All Consortium members have an eleven member affordable housing advisory council who represent a broad area of knowledge in affordable housing. Public meetings are held with the councils to receive input into the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. Brevard County also has a CDBG Advisory Board that represents the various needs and minority groups within the strategy and targeted areas. The CDBG Advisory Board meets monthly to ensure input in the planning and implementation of the Action Plan.

All meetings are publicly advertised and are accessible by persons with disabilities. Applicable methods of communication are provided when a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate. Accommodations will also be provided for persons with disabilities, upon forty-eight (48) hours notification to the Brevard County Housing and Human Services Office that such accommodations will be necessary.

Response #4: Comments not accepted

Brevard County and the HOME Consortium recognize the value of citizen input. All comments regarding this plan were accepted during the planning process. There were no comments that were not accepted.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Response:

The Brevard County's Housing and Human Services Department serves as the Consortium's lead agency for planning and coordinating the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The Consortium will continue its effort to consult with other public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health and social services, and fair housing services (including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and homeless persons).

The Consortium will continue to work in collaboration, as specified in the Consolidated Plan, with non-profit and for-profit partners to carry out the goals in this Action Plan, as well as to strengthen partnerships and build capacity with new programs and agencies. The Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) is a good example of developing and strengthening our institutional structure. Each year the BHC continues to expand their service area by including more agencies, there are now more than fifty (50) non-profit agencies in Brevard County who belong to the BHC. The BHC meets bi-monthly to discuss issues that pertain to housing and non-housing needs of the low income citizens

and homeless individuals and families, through networking and coordination of funding opportunities.

The Consortium will continue to strengthen its ties with the five Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) presently operating in Brevard County by providing technical assistance especially in the areas of program management and operations. The Consortium will invite the CHDOs to attend training opportunities and plan ways to partner to meet the goals in the Action Plan. All CHDOs shall be required to attend at least one appropriate/related training per year. The Consortium will also provide assistance to organizations desiring to become CHDOs.

The Consortium is required to set aside a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the annual HOME allocation for CHDO activities to assist in meeting annual housing goals. The Consortium desires to spend more than the minimum fifteen percent (15%) for CHDO projects in order to strengthen the financial capabilities of the CHDOs. The Consortium (under 24 CFR Part 92.208, 92.302, and 92.300(b)) may provide special assistance to CHDOs in the way of project pre-development loans, operating assistance, use of HOME project proceeds, and capacity-building assistance.

During the previous fiscal year the Consortium began working on Policies and Procedures to adopt the "Proposed Changes" to the HOME rule. This year the procedures were reviewed and submitted for final approval and adoption. All of the effective "New Rule" changes have been implemented. The policy additions included:

- Conversion of Homebuyer Units to Rental Units
- Four Year Project Completion
- CHDO Development Capacity
- Project Underwriting/Subsidy Layering
- Market Analysis/Needs Assessments
- Developer Capacity/Market Need

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Response:

The Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department's Contract Management Team (CMT) shall be responsible for implementing the monitoring plan in accordance with the Department's Monitoring and Technical Assistance Policy HHS-012. The CMT will ensure that all of their sub-grantees and sub-recipients manage the day-to-day operations, program activities and projects funded by local, state and federal resources, and comply with the requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations in order to provide timely quality services, decent, safe and sanitary housing, and a quality living environment to the residents of Brevard County.

All sub-grantees and sub-recipients will be monitored to ensure program, financial and regulatory compliance.

All members of the HOME Consortium have adopted monitoring procedures in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24, Part 91, Section 230.

The Department's Monitoring Procedure is as follows:

During the first quarter of each fiscal year, a public service risk assessment shall be performed for each sub-grantee/sub-recipient using the Risk Assessment Form. Each sub-grantee or sub-recipient shall be determined to be high, moderate or low risk. Level of risk or the requirements of the funding source shall determine the type of monitoring review to be scheduled.

- High Risk: When a sub-grantee/sub-recipient has been determined to be a High Risk, the sub-grantee/sub-recipient shall receive a Comprehensive On-Site Monitoring Review and a minimum of one Technical Assistance visit. The Comprehensive Review will cover all aspects of the program/project progress.
- Moderate Risk: When a sub-grantee/sub-recipient has been determined to be at Moderate Risk, they shall receive an annual Limited On-Site Monitoring Review. Limited Reviews will cover specific areas of concern such as, but not limited to, payment requests, budgets, affordability, income eligibility, performance and other applicable documentation.
- Low Risk: When a sub-grantee/sub-recipient has been determined to be Low Risk, they may be exempt from a Comprehensive or from a Limited On-Site Monitoring Review. An Annual Desk Review or Program/Project Site Visit (or both) shall be conducted in lieu of an On-Site monitoring.

The Risk Assessment will be conducted on each sub-grantee/sub-recipient, and the Monitoring Visit Schedule shall be completed no later than the 20th of January of each year. The schedule shall be revised as needed to incorporate other local, state or federal projects acquired during the fiscal year.

All monitorings will be completed by July 1st of each year.

To ensure due diligence, agencies that expend five hundred thousand (\$500,000) or more in Federal awards in one year will be required to have audits performed pursuant to OMB Circular A-133 and submitted to the County on an annual basis.

Projects involving public facilities and improvement will be monitored and inspected on an on-going basis to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations.

Site visits will be performed periodically to monitor compliance when construction triggers Federal Labor Standards Requirements. Davis-Bacon interviews will be verified, payrolls will be reviewed, and follow-up will be provided when wage restitution is required.

If an activity involves acquisition, relocation or displacement, monitoring will be performed to ensure compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

A review of the timeliness of expenditures will occur quarterly, using in-house spreadsheets and through monitoring of expenditures under the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). This review will ensure that the CDBG

program will not have more than 1.5 times the amount awarded on hand sixty (60) days prior to the end of its current program year.

The County will also ensure that IDIS activities are created and closed properly in a timely manner.

Brevard County, as the lead entity for the Consortium, will ensure that CHDOs receiving HOME funds are certified to ensure they continue to meet the requirements for CHDO designation.

Monitoring of rental units funded with HOME funds will be performed on an annual basis to ensure renter incomes and rents comply with HOME program regulations.

Principal residency requirements will be spot monitored on a regular basis through a variety of methods including written confirmation from homeowners who received HOME purchase and/or repair assistance.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Response:

All Housing and Human Services Department Inspectors having completed the online HUD lead based paint course "Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control" are certified renovators as defined in 40 CFR Part 745.225. This certification assists the inspectors with identifying the need for further inspections and abatement.

All housing units built prior to 1978, regardless of the funding source, will be evaluated for lead-based paint. The housing inspectors will take note of flaking or chipping paint. If lead-based paint is found, a certified professional will be consulted.

The Consortium will continue to provide technical guidance on lead-based paint and asbestos requirements to CHDOs and non-profits accessing federal and other dollars for housing-related services and operations, demolitions and other activities identified. The Consortium will continue to ensure that existing housing programs and policies conform to the requirements of the code of federal regulations for lead-based paint and asbestos hazards (24 CFR Part 35). Additionally, consumer education is required of all clients receiving rental assistance, down payment or rehabilitation assistance for any home that was built before 1978. Consumer education includes reviewing a Renovation brochure review with the client. Following the brochure review, the client signs a form stating he or she has been advised about the hazards of lead-based paint. The client is also given a copy of the brochure.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Response #1: Priorities and objectives hoping to achieve

PRIORITY NEED: AFFORDABLE “OWNER-OCCUPIED” HOUSING

A. Homeowner Purchase Assistance: During the next year, the Brevard County Consortium will promote and facilitate opportunities to increase the availability of owner occupied housing for households with incomes at or below eighty percent (80%) AMI, with priority given to opportunities that will assist households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of the AMI.

Proposed Accomplishments: The Consortium proposes to take affirmative marketing steps to ensure that eligible persons of all racial, ethnic and gender groups, especially those considered those least likely to apply, have a reasonable opportunity and access to funding made available through the First Time Home Buyer Programs county-wide.

This proposal will be accomplished through advertisement in local news media, Consortium member web sites, and through local community and faith-based organizations and various community events. The Consortium will also work collaboratively with eligible CHDOs and for-profit agencies to acquire infill lots, utilize existing NSP funding for home ownership and construct or rehabilitate homes for ownership opportunities for eligible households.

Sources of Funding: The Consortium will utilize funds available from the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Program, and the State Housing Initiative Partnerships (SHIP) Program. Priority will be given to households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of the AMI.

B. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: During the next year, Brevard County Consortium will promote the preservation of homes and neighborhoods by providing opportunities to improve the quality of existing housing through rehabilitation and reconstruction for households with incomes at or below eighty percent (80%) of the AMI, with priority given to opportunities that will assist households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of the AMI.

Proposed Accomplishments: The Consortium proposes to continue funding housing rehabilitation, replacement, and weatherization activities for eligible homeowners, and will promote activities through the local news media, Consortium member web sites, local community and faith-based organizations, and neighborhood community meetings and events.

Sources of Funding: Brevard County Consortium will utilize funds available from SHIP and HOME funding for housing rehabilitation/replacement activities and State Department of Economic Development funds for Weatherization activities.

PRIORITY NEED: AFFORDABLE “RENTAL” HOUSING

The Consortium will work to continue to increase the supply of affordable rental housing, particularly for households earning fifty percent (50%) of the AMI or less, and encourage our non-profit CHDOs and for-profit housing developers to improve the quality of existing rental housing and to create new rental housing opportunities, especially for persons and households who have special needs.

A. Rental Occupancy Assistance: Provides funds to qualified households for one time rent and security deposits to assist with access to affordable rental housing, as funds will allow. Additionally, the Consortium will continue to support the development of additional rental units for low and moderate income residents throughout the County utilizing the Brevard County Affordable Housing Ordinance and the incentives within Tax Credits and Tax Free Bonds.

B. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): TBRA will be provided through the City of Melbourne for qualified households to assist with rental subsidy for up to 24 months.

C. Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Existing Rental Units: During the next year, the Brevard County HOME Consortium will work with for-profit and non-profit developers to promote and facilitate the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing units for households with incomes at or less than eighty percent (80%) of the AMI, with priority given to persons at or below fifty percent (50%) of the AMI.

Proposed Accomplishment: The Consortium proposes to work collaboratively with for-profit and non-profit developers to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct rental units. Priority will be given to households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of the AMI and those households with special needs.

Sources of Funding: Brevard County will utilize funds available from SHIP and HOME.

D. Rehabilitation of Existing Rental Units: The Consortium will work to preserve existing rentals and keep them safe, accessible and affordable.

Proposed Accomplishments: The Consortium proposes to ensure that all housing activities undertaken are evaluated to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and that access issues have been properly addressed where appropriate.

Sources of Funding: Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department and the Consortium will utilize funds from CDBG, HOME, and SHIP carry-forward.

PRIORITY NEED: FAIR HOUSING

The Consortium recognizes that fair housing can be an issue in the area of home ownership and rental. Annually, the Consortium holds education workshops about fair housing that are free for anyone in the community, with special emphasis given to target

landlords, rental management companies, local government employees, realtors, minority groups and low-income residents. This year the Consortium will contract with the Brevard County Fair Housing Continuum to test for possible discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, familial status and accessibility to ensure that Brevard County Residents have equal access to housing opportunities.

The Consortium jointly worked on identifying Fair Housing Issues with an Analysis of Impediments (AI) Plan. The AI Plan was approved on August 8, 2009 by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. An extension request to complete the 2014 plan update has been made. Results of the AI plan will be reported in the annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Information on County housing programs and fair housing law will continue to be available on the County's web page and in a fair housing brochure. Fair housing education continues to be an important component of Consortium funded homebuyer education programs.

The Consortium will continue operation of all of its housing assistance programs in a manner that encourages minorities, as well as persons with disabilities, and other members of protected classes to utilize the programs that meet their housing needs. The HOME Consortium will use affirmative marketing practices in soliciting owners/renters, determining eligibility and concluding all transactions.

Proposed Accomplishment: Brevard County proposes to work collaboratively with community partners to ensure that all Brevard County residents have equal housing opportunities.

Sources of Funding: Brevard County and the Consortium will utilize funds available from HOME, CDBG and other sources within the Brevard County budget. In FY 2014-2015, the Consortium plans to undertake the activities identified below, using the HOME allocation and carry forward dollars.

A breakdown of the Consortiums "Priority Housing Needs/Investment Plan" can be viewed in Section XI Matrix.

**SUMMARY OF
2014-2015 HOME FUNDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES**

MATRIX #	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING AMOUNT	PRIORITY NEED	OBJECTIVES	OUTCOMES	TYPE	ANNUAL NUMERIC GOAL
13	Purchase Assistance	\$496,740	Housing	Improve access to affordable housing	Affordability/ Accessibility	Households	25
14A	Owner-Occupied Rehab	\$419,160	Housing	Improve the quality of owner housing	Sustainability	Households	8
12, 14G, 01	CHDO Set-Aside	\$222,050	Housing	Increase the availability of affordable owner and rental housing	Affordability/ Accessibility Sustainability	Housing Units Households	8
05J	Fair Housing	\$8,500	Fair Housing	Fair Housing Tests and Seminars	Accessibility	People	24
01	Acquisition of existing units (sell or rent)	\$239,348	Housing	Improve access to affordable housing	Affordability Accessibility	Households	5
05S	TBRA	\$55,080	Rental Housing	Improve access to affordable rental housing	Accessibility	Households	5
19A	HOME Program Administration	\$62,409	Planning and Administration	Improve the services for low/mod income persons	N/A	Other	N/A
TOTAL HOME FUNDED PROJECTS		\$1,503,287					

Response #2: Describe other resources that may be available to address needs

The Consortium anticipates receiving additional funding during the period covered by this Action Plan to compliment our HOME funds. The additional funding will assist with addressing identified affordable housing needs. Sources of additional funding include; State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program (carry forward funds), CDBG funds, CDBG, HUD Supportive Housing Grant, and Program Income.

Brevard County serves as a pass through agency for the Hardest Hit Fund; a fund allocated to help pay the mortgages of qualified homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed through no fault of their own. Homeowners who qualify for financial assistance may receive up to 12 months of monthly mortgage payments and/or funds to pay past due mortgage payments to bring the mortgage current. These funds are paid directly to the loan servicer/lender. The County, the cities of Cocoa and Melbourne will act as Advisors for the program to assist clients by determining their eligibility. Several additional local organizations will also be acting as Advisors for the Hardest Hit Program.

The program is designed to provide temporary assistance to eligible homeowners through three (3) programs:

Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program (UMAP) will provide up to 12 months of payments (with a cap of \$24,000) to the mortgage lender to assist unemployed or underemployed borrowers with their first mortgage until they can resume full payments on their own. In addition, up to \$18,000 can be paid to help satisfy all or some of any past due amounts owed; this assistance will be paid prior to the UMAP payments beginning and cannot exceed \$18,000 total. Any past due amounts over and above the \$18,000 are the responsibility of the homeowner. Total assistance available is up to \$42,000.

Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Payment Program (MLRP) will be used as a one-time payment to help satisfy all or some of any past due amounts owed on the first mortgage, only. This assistance cannot exceed \$25,000 total, and any past due amounts over and above the \$25,000 are the responsibility of the homeowner.

UMAP and MLRP program funds will be in the form of a 0% percent, deferred-payment loan; the loan can be forgiven over a five-1/2 year period, at a rate of 20% each year.

Principal Reduction Program (PR) will assist eligible Florida homeowners who owe at least 125% more on their home than its current market value, commonly referred to as the home being "underwater." The Florida Hardest-Hit Fund Principal Reduction (HHF-PR) program will provide up to \$50,000 to an eligible homeowner(s) to help reduce the principal balance of the first mortgage.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Response #1:

The Brevard County Consortium is served by three Public Housing Authorities, the Titusville Housing Authority which serves the City of Titusville, City of Cocoa Housing Authority which serves the City of Cocoa and the Brevard Housing Authority which serves Melbourne and the unincorporated areas of Brevard County. All three Housing Authorities offer a variety of supportive activities including self-sufficiency programs for residents. Residents are encouraged to participate in resident council meetings.

The Consortium members will support the Housing Authorities Annual Plan and provide a variety of activities during the year to encourage public housing residents to become more self-sufficient and participate in homeownership. These activities include:

- Offering First Time Homebuyer classes along with down payment assistance to support homeownership to residents.

- Inviting Housing Authority officials to attend all Affordable Housing Council meetings and participate in annual action planning activities.
- Notifying Housing Authority staff and residents of social service programs which would benefit residents.
- Assisting Housing Authority staff with rehabilitation funds to renovate old affordable housing stock.

The Consortium will work with the Housing Authorities to inform residents about the HOME down payment assistance program. Information will also be disseminated to manufactured housing parks informing residents of the down payment assistance program.

Response #2:

Although the Housing Authority of the City of Cocoa (HACC) has been deemed by HUD to be a “Troubled Agency” due to a past unpaid debt, the debt was recently paid and the HACC is no longer deemed a “Troubled Agency”. Additionally, local policies have expanded to give preference to the following households: those who are living in substandard housing and/or paying more than 50% of their adjusted gross income for contract rent; working families; and homeless families/homeless veterans. The Consortium will continue to work with the HACC. Notification of funding availability, Affordable Housing Council Meetings, and available services will be communicated. Technical assistance will be provided as needed.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Response:

Brevard County and the Consortium will work with their respective Planning and Zoning Departments to review and improve policies which affect affordable housing in their respective Comprehensive Plans as they undergo review as needed. The Consortium members will attempt to put into their Comprehensive Plan a mechanism to ensure that there is a procedure to review all new policies and procedures, ordinances, and regulations affecting the cost of housing.

Other actions to address barriers to affordable housing will include:

- Implementation of housing assistance programs more fully described in specific housing objectives in this Action Plan. These programs are designed to make housing more affordable, create new housing opportunities and improve access to housing for low-income persons.
- Continuation of neighborhood revitalization activities in target areas: demolition, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement activities to reduce neighborhood blight, create opportunities for affordable infill housing and improve the economic vitality of the affected areas.

- Implementation of expedited permitting for affordable housing as required by SHIP.
- Continuation of homebuyer education programs, fair housing education and related activities as well as community outreach activities in order to increase public awareness of fair housing laws, encourage homeownership and provide general information on the dangers of predatory lending.

HOME Purchase Assistance Program

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
 - a. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must: demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
 - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
 - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum fifteen (15) years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
3. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
 - a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.

- c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

Response #1:

The Consortium does not use any other forms of investment not listed in 24CFR Part 92.205(b).

Response #2:

Recapture Guidelines for Homeowner Purchase Assistance

HOME funds invested in homeowner assistance will be subject to “recapture” provisions outlined in 24 CFR Part 92.254.

Except when resale restrictive covenants are mandated by regulation, the Consortium will follow the recapture provisions described in these guidelines. The Consortium’s homebuyer assistance program is designed to assist eligible applicants with the purchase of decent, safe and sanitary housing by providing financial assistance for any combination of down payment, repairs, principal reduction and closing costs for new construction and/or existing housing. Both the potential HOME housing unit and the assisted client must be eligible for the program, following specific standards and requirements from HUD. Funds for assistance can be used in the form of amortized, non-amortized, forgivable or deferred payment loans.

Recapture Provision

- Program funds will be secured by a lien, primary or subordinate mortgage; and affordability restrictions enforced via a land use agreement or deed restriction.
- If any uncured default occurs at any time during the period of affordability, the housing unit assisted with HOME funds ceases to be the principal residence of the eligible homeowner or any other terms of the mortgage or land use agreement are violated, then the mortgage balance will become due in full. If a quit-claim deed or any title transfer of ownership is exercised during the affordability period, the date of the transfer will be the default date and all proceeds due will be determined from that date.
- The HOME-assisted housing unit must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified in the following table, beginning after project completion.

Homeownership assistance HOME amount per-unit	Minimum period of affordability in years
Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15

- In the event of a sale during the period of affordability (voluntary or involuntary) of a housing unit which used HOME funds for purchase assistance, the Consortium shall recapture the entire amount due from the net proceeds of the sale. (The

net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayments, other than HOME funds, and any closing costs.)

- When the property is sold and in the event that there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the total HOME investment due, the Consortium shall recapture the net proceeds, if any, in full. The recapture of the net proceeds shall constitute the satisfaction of the HOME mortgage, in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A).
- Under a voluntary sale, the homeowner must sell the home at fair market value. The Consortium will retain the right, but not the obligation, to require the homeowner, at the homeowner's expense, to obtain a certified appraisal to demonstrate fair market value.
- The HOME funds subject to recapture are based on the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the eligible unit, including any HOME assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, but excludes the amount between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property, such as the development subsidy. When the HOME assistance is only used for the development subsidy and therefore not subject to recapture, the development subsidy is subject to Resale Restrictions in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i).
- Recaptured funds will be used to carry out HOME eligible activities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92.
- If the housing unit is sold after expiration of the applicable affordability period, the loan and all recapture provisions are forgiven.

2a: The Consortium has no plans to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Response #3:

The Consortium no longer receives American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI) funds.

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.
2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2014. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Response #1: Brevard County is the lead agency for the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC). Coalition members are working collectively to implement the changes identified in the HEARTH Act. The BHC annually submits an Exhibit 1 in response to the HUD Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Continuum of Care Homeless Housing Assistance Programs, part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Exhibit 1 is a comprehensive document encompassing the following information: the governance and membership of the BHC, homeless demographics, homeless shelter/housing data, BHC accomplishments of the previous twelve (12) months, BHC goals for the following twelve (12) months and the application requesting renewal of grant funding. The Exhibit 1 also serves as the annual plan for accessing other federal, state, local, and private funds to assist the homeless and to provide for homeless prevention activities. The Continuum of Care meets bi-monthly and has approximately fifty (50) active members. At least six (6) BHC member agencies will individually submit applications to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Emergency Shelter Grant Request for Proposals.

Homeless Resources expected to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness:

FEDERAL RESOURCES

Grant Name	Awarded Amount
HUD Supportive Housing Grant	\$828,171

Supportive Housing Grant funds will be used for the following:

- 211 Brevard as the Lead Agency for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) network, providing oversight and technical assistance to local agencies and ensure compliance with all HUD HMIS Technical Standards.
- The Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Brevard (CHH) for Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. Transitional housing units are scattered site housing throughout Brevard County, providing temporary housing for up to two years for qualified households. Permanent Supportive Housing is located at Victory Village in Titusville, providing long-term housing (no time limit) for chronically homeless veterans with supportive services available as needed.
- Crosswinds Transitional Living Program for Housing Homeless Youth, providing housing for youth who have aged out of foster care or who have become homeless. Supportive services include job training, education, and child care assistance.

STATE RESOURCES

Grant Name	Awarded Amount
Brevard Homeless Coalition; Staffing Grant	\$71,428.57
Total	\$71,428.57

Brevard County Housing and Human Services subcontracts with United Way of Brevard to assist with the coordination and facilitation of the point and time count as well as the Homeless Coalition.

Response #2:

HOME funds will be advertised for availability during the plan year and will include a request that all units dealing with transitional housing or homeless activities will coordinate with the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) for referrals. Priority consideration will be placed on projects that support the increase of rental housing units for individuals and families with children exiting homelessness from transitional housing. To keep rents as low as possible, units that are funded 100% with HOME funds shall be requested to rent to families at or below 50% of the AMI.

Some of the obstacles to this program would include the need to deeply subsidize units, especially the set-asides for those at or below thirty percent (30%) of the AMI. Additionally, the objections of residents from the neighborhoods surrounding affordable housing projects may preclude the construction of the project.

During the month of June the Brevard Homeless Coalition will present the names of the new executive committee to oversee the activities of the coalition, establish performance targets, and make funding decisions. The executive committee will represent a number of service populations, HMIS, and the Lead Agency.

Thereafter, the nominations for the executive committee chairperson and committee will be brought to the Coalition for approval.

During 2014 – 2015 the Brevard Homeless Coalition will:

- Establish, update and follow a new governance charter which will include all procedures and policies needed to comply with HMIS requirements as prescribed by HUD; and a code of conduct and recusal process for the board, its chair(s), and any person acting on behalf of the board.
- Establish and operate a centralized assessment system that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services. Children's Home Society provided a template for a coordinated assessment that could be used on Google Docs. This was one of the services that could be provided by 211 Brevard/HMIS. The executive committee, including 211 Brevard, will work out the details to be brought back to the Coalition.
- Establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type, monitor recipient and sub-recipient performance, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers.
- Establish written standards for assistance evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance, determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive transitional housing assistance, rapid rehousing assistance, and permanent supportive housing assistance, and determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance.
- Review, revise, and approve the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the geographic area. Review, revise, and approve a privacy plan, security plan, and data quality plan for the HMIS. Ensure consistent participation of recipients and sub-recipients in the HMIS and ensure the HMIS is administered in compliance with requirements prescribed by HUD.
- The Brevard Homeless Coalition will develop a plan that includes the implementation of a housing and service system that meets the needs of the homeless individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families. This system will include outreach, engagement, and assessment; shelter, housing, and supportive services; and prevention strategies.
- Plan for and conduct, at least biennially, a point-in-time count of homeless persons.
- Conduct an annual gaps analysis of the homeless needs and services available.
- Consult with State and local government Emergency Solutions Grants program recipients on the plan for allocating Emergency Solutions Grants program funds and reporting on and evaluating the performance of Emergency Solutions Grants program recipients and sub-recipients.

Response #3:

On December 7, 2004, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan to Eliminate Chronic Homelessness. Seven (7) barriers were identified that affect the chronically homeless from breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Brevard County, through the BHC, places emphasis on homeless projects that will support a goal toward the elimination of chronic homelessness. Persons who meet the following three (3) conditions are considered chronically homeless: 1) Must be homeless for one (1) year or more or have been homeless three (3) times or more in a four year period; 2) Must be have at least one (1) disability that is physical, mental, developmental, and/or have a substance abuse condition; and 3) Must be unaccompanied.

Due to the depth of their disabilities, the chronically homeless face barriers to self-sufficiency, and as such usually require more in-depth services than traditionally offered by the social services available; therefore, causing some agencies to choose not to offer services/programs needed by the chronically homeless. The barriers for the agencies include:

- The nature of their core mission may not match.
- The intense case management involved may be cost prohibitive for some agencies.
- The cost of retrofitting/rehabilitating housing to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The lack of supportive resources from other community programs, such as mental health care.

Through the BHC grant application process for federal and state grants, agencies will be encouraged to serve chronically homeless persons with the addition of bonus points for projects directing part or all assistance to the chronically homeless.

Additionally, affordable rental housing projects assisted through the jurisdiction will encourage funded agencies to offer available housing to chronically homeless receiving assistance from BHC member agencies.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition will establish and operate a centralized assessment system that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services. They will establish written standards for eligibility for assistance of individuals and families, determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive transitional housing assistance, rapid rehousing assistance, and permanent supportive housing assistance. In addition, BHC will determine what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition will review and implement a "Housing First" methodology as an alternative to the current system of emergency shelter/transitional housing, which tends to prolong the length of time that families remain homeless. The methodology is premised on the belief that vulnerable and at-risk homeless families are more responsive to interventions and social services support after they are in their own housing, rather than while living in temporary/transitional facilities or housing programs. With permanent housing, these families can begin to regain the self-confidence and control over their lives they lost when they became homeless.

Response #4:

Through the Brevard County Community Action Agency and the Housing and Human Services Department, several programs are in place to prevent individuals and families with children from becoming homeless. Assistance is provided utilizing various federal, state and local programs and resources. These programs include but are not limited to: food vouchers; prescription assistance; transportation assistance; rent/mortgage assistance; and utility payments.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition will establish and operate a centralized assessment system that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services. The Coalition will develop a specific policy to guide the operation of the centralized or coordinated assessment system on how its system will address the needs of individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and those who are seeking shelter or services from non-victim service providers. Children's Home Society has provided a template for a coordinated assessment that could be used on Google Docs.

Response #5:

The BHC includes in its membership institutional agencies with discharge policies. The BHC leadership has contacted agencies that are not members, such as the Brevard County jails and medical facilities to initiate discussions on discharge policies. It has determined they all have a discharge policy and have working relationships with various members of the BHC. BHC members in receipt of McKinney-Vento Act funds do not accept clients who are discharged from institutions into their transitional housing programs. Other members are funded through a Florida Department of Corrections grant to provide transitional housing to clients discharged from jails.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Action Plan ESG response: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services, economic development, neighborhood capacity building and technical assistance.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Response #1:

Brevard County has identified seven (7) neighborhood strategy areas that are located throughout the County where each neighborhood meets the definition as defined by HUD as a low/mod area (LMA). It is the County's vision to revitalize each of these neighborhoods in ways that will render the neighborhood strategy areas ineligible as a low/mod area.

Below is a summary of the priorities identified by various venues within Brevard County. Included were the neighborhoods, community surveys, technical assistance, capacity building training and meetings with special needs groups, leadership forums, and citizen input at public hearings.

NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES Funding Type: CDBG	PRIORITY
GOAL 1: PUBLIC FACILITIES <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve quality/increase quantity of neighborhood facilities serving LMI persons 2. Improve quality/increase quantity of facilities that benefit LMI Youth 3. Improve quality/increase quantity of facilities that benefit seniors and the elderly 	High
GOAL 2: INFRASTRUCTURE <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve quality/increase quantity of public improvements that benefit LMI 	High
GOAL 3: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve economic opportunities for LMI 	High
GOAL 4: PUBLIC SERVICES <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve services for LMI persons 2. Improve services for LMI youth 3. Improve services for LMI seniors and the elderly 4. Improve services for disabled adults 	High
GOAL 5: DEMOLITION & CLEARANCE <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to carry out demolition and clearance activities in an effort to reduce/eliminate slum and blighted conditions. 2. Reduce street and drainage littering. 	High
GOAL 6: LAND ACQUISITION <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand land acquisition opportunities in order to increase the supply of affordable housing for low to moderate-income residents. 	High
GOAL 7: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFIT AGENCIES <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to neighborhood organizations carrying out neighborhood revitalization activities within the County's identified neighborhood strategy areas. 	High
GOAL 8: CRIME PREVENTION, NUISANCE & SAFETY NEED <u>Objectives</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve street lighting and sidewalks 2. Remove and renovate vacant buildings 	High

Response #2:

The County has identified the following long-term and short-term objectives.

Long term objectives:

1. Enhance the quality of life and safety for families residing in low to moderate income areas.
2. Identify and inventory potential infill properties in the strategy areas suitable for development as low/mod income housing and work with our CHDOs to develop these properties.
3. Work with developers to provide affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing for low to moderate income residents.
4. Identify and provide appropriate training for economic development activities to residents in the strategy areas that will increase the ability of each community to become self-sufficient.
5. Identify areas of need within each strategy area for infrastructure for potable water and sanitary sewer systems to improve health and safety conditions within the community.
6. Explore Economic Development opportunities principally for low-and moderate-income persons. For the purpose of job creation and retention: establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses including micro-businesses, revolving loan program, job training, technical assistance, job training and utilization of the Section 108 Loan Program.
7. Promote business creation and expansion for low and moderate income persons in targeted low and moderate income areas in the County.
8. Identify potential job training and housing opportunities for low to moderate income residents within each of the strategy areas.
9. Identify and provide funding necessary to improve public services to enhance the quality of life for low to moderate residents and increase opportunities for sustainability and self-sufficiency.
10. Identify properties in the County eligible for demolition to eliminate slum and blight conditions and increase the safety of families living near unsafe structures.

Short-term objectives:

1. Identify the need for public facilities within the strategy areas.
2. Improve existing deteriorated infrastructure in low and moderate-income areas that improve the quality of life and meet health and safety standards.
3. Provide technical assistance or financial resources to stimulate business retention and expansion.
4. Provide funding or technical assistance to private non-profit and public agencies meeting the public service needs of the County's low and moderate income population, concerning health and safety, education, and/or personal development needs.
5. Provide funding or technical assistance to assist in the implementation of programs for special population groups such as the elderly, youth, persons with disabilities.
6. Provide technical assistance and capacity-building training for neighborhood organizations in the strategy areas.

BREVARD COUNTY

In FY 2014-15, the County's CDBG Program will undertake the activities listed below.

SUMMARY OF 2014-2015 CDBG FUNDED ACTIVITIES

MATRIX #	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING AMOUNT	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME	PRIORITY NEED	ACCOMPLISHMENT TYPE	ANNUAL NUMERIC GOAL
05	Cuyler Community Learning Center	\$66,923	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Public Services	People	300
05	Central Brevard Sharing Center	\$45,246	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Public Services	People	1450
05	Early Learning Coalition	\$18,098	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Public Services	People	95
05	Community Services Council	\$22,623	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Public Services	People	20
05	AMI Kids Space Coast	\$22,623	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Public Services	People	66
		\$175,513					
02	Demolition	\$21,000	Suitable Living Environment	Sustainability	Demolition and Clearance	People	10
03F	West Cocoa Pocket Park	\$273,900	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility	Public Facility	People	2044
03J	Woody Simpson Park Community Room	\$155,219	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility	Public Facility	People	1557
03I	Schoolhouse Paving & Drainage	\$155,220	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility	Infrastructure	People	1549
03I	Burnett Rd Beautification/Sidewalks	\$155,219	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility	Infrastructure	People	2044
21A	CDBG Program Administration	\$234,017	Suitable Living Environment	Availability/Accessibility Sustainability	Administration	Other	N/A
CDBG TOTALS		\$1,926,755					

CDBG Project Descriptions for FY 2014-2015

Burnett Rd. Beautification & Sidewalks

This project will consist of sidewalk construction, lighting, landscaping and some drainage improvements.

Schoolhouse Paving and Drainage

This project consists of the design and construction of roadway and drainage improvements.

Woody Simpson Park Community Room

This project will consist of the construction of a multi-purpose building for the purpose of carrying out needed services and activities for the low to moderate income persons living in Merritt Island.

West Cocoa Pocket Park

This project will consist of the design and construction of a low-impact Park for the West Cocoa neighborhood.

Demolition

The Demolition Program provides for the prevention and elimination of slum and blighted conditions by removing unsafe structures.

Cuyler Community Learning Center

Cuyler Community Learning Center provides educational programs for youth and seniors. School-aged participants will have the opportunity for tutoring and homework assistance. Additional programs include college program workshops, sample SAT and ACT tests and drug awareness and prevention activities. Adults and seniors may attend a variety of community workshops and training including resume building, senior fitness, teen pregnancy awareness, and music therapy & appreciation.

Central Brevard Sharing Center

Central Brevard Sharing Center provides a nutritious meal for low to moderate income qualified individuals and families in need. The goal is to improve nutrition and quality of life to those who are served.

Early Learning Coalition

Provides child care subsidies to assist eligible families with the high cost of child care.

Community Services Council of Brevard County (Senior Nutrition Program)

The Senior Nutrition Program's goal is to reduce hunger among the elderly, improve nutritional intake and reduce feelings of isolation. Home delivered meals, congregate meals and nutrition/health information help senior maintain and improve health.

AMI Kids Space Coast

AMI Kids Space Coast helps rehabilitate at-risk youth through academic and vocational training. Activities will include instruction in reading, math, social studies, science, language arts, life skills, GED preparedness, and culinary arts vocational training.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Response:

Short term emergency services such as food, shelter, utility assistance, rental payments, security and utility deposits will be provided thru various County programs and partnerships with non-profit agencies. While this assistance is essential, the ultimate goal of the County is to assist individuals and families to become self-sufficient. Programs will be funded and collaborations formed to address childcare needs, homeless prevention, safe, decent and affordable rental and homeownership assistance. Educational programs, job training, job placement services, and various other self-help programs will be in place to assist with providing necessary tools to meet self sufficiency goals.

In addition to supporting community-wide efforts as described above, the County and the Consortium will use CDBG and HOME funds to support a variety of activities that are

specifically designed to help low- and moderate-income persons and families break the cycle of poverty. These activities include the following support programs:

- The South Brevard Women's Center,
- The Brevard Homeless Coalition,
- Habitat for Humanity,
- Friendship Community Development Center,
- Cuyler Community Learning Center,
- Central Brevard Sharing Center,
- Early Learning Coalition
- The Brevard County Housing Authority,
- The Housing Authority of the City of Titusville,
- Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless,
- Consumer Credit Counseling,
- The Salvation Army, and
- North Brevard Charities.

Additionally, the Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department (HHS) and the Consortium works in partnership with many for profit and non-profit developers utilizing State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program and HOME funding to expand housing opportunities for residents living in poverty situations.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Response #1: Priorities

Brevard County plans to coordinate its efforts with the HOME Consortium, CHDOs, and other developers to construct and/or rehabilitate and make affordable housing units available for persons identified with mental illness, physical and mental disabilities, frail elderly, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS.

Response #2: Describe how resources will be addressed

Based on available funding sources, the Brevard County Consortium will issue Requests For Proposals(RFP) to develop and operate units for special needs persons identified in the community. The RFP will be in line with the identified priorities as listed in the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan. Proposals will be selected based upon, developer's capacity, needs assessments, cost per unit, available supportive services, and location.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

1. Provide a brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care

5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helps to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Response:

The City of Palm Bay designates its HOPWA funds to the State of Florida which then allocates the monies to United Way for distribution among the three HIV/AIDS agencies in Brevard County.

The United Way of Brevard County administers the HOPWA program in Brevard County. HOPWA is grant funded by the Florida State Department of Health. It is anticipated that \$473,099 will be received during 2014-2015. The United Way serves as the lead entity and fiscal agent, and subcontracts to Comprehensive Health Care, Project Response, and the Brevard County Health Department for case management services. The case managers provide services to families and, when applicable, access HOPWA funds to provide assistance in the form of rent, short-term housing, utilities and mortgage assistance.

OTHER NARRATIVE

HOME Match Funds

The Consortium plans to utilize State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds and other non-federal funding sources for the mandatory 25% local match for the HOME funds.

Home Program Income

The Consortium plans to use five per cent (5%) of eligible program income towards administrative costs. These dollars will be tracked and reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Recaptured funds are not eligible for additional administrative dollars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/LEGAL NOTICE

The 2014-2015 Action Plan was public noticed on June 7, 2014 and gave the locations where the Plan would be available for review. The notice gave citizens the opportunity to review the Action Plan and funding recommendations for a 30 day period, with the opportunity to provide comments that would be included in this section of the Action Plan. No public comments were received regarding the final Plan.

A final Public Hearing was held by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on August 5, 2014. The Action Plan was adopted by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on August 5, 2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BREVARD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2014-2015 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN FUNDING SUMMARY

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE TO CITIZENS: Brevard County is the recipient of federal grant funds through programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These federal grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Brevard County receives and extends HOME funds through the Brevard County HOME Consortium, formed in 1991 for the purpose of qualifying for HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The Consortium is comprised of Brevard County and the Cities of Melbourne, Palm Bay, Titusville, and Cocoa. Brevard County is the lead agency in the Brevard County HOME Consortium. Each of the consortium members receives CDBG funds directly from HUD and is individually responsible for developing their own 5 yr and 1 yr CDBG Plans. These programs are designed primarily to assist the County's low and moderate-income residents. In order to streamline the administration of the programs, HUD has consolidated all of the local planning and citizen participation requirements for the aforementioned grant programs into a single administrative process called: "The Consolidated Plan."

CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY: The Consolidated Plan is the result of analyzing data and input from many sources. The 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan was developed through the collaborative efforts and input from County and City staff, local and community-based non-profits and for-profits, and local residents.

Brevard County follows an adopted Citizen Participation Plan, which provides for scheduled public hearings and encourages citizens, service providers, and interested individuals to provide input. During the development of the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan and the 2014-2015 Action Plan, meetings were held at different stages of the process to provide the greatest possible citizen participation, consultation, and partnership-building benefits. Actions included a County-wide needs assessment survey, community and neighborhood meetings and public hearings that were conducted throughout the County to obtain input from residents on the Plans. The meetings were held to determine goals, priorities, and activities to be undertaken as identified in the 5 yr. Consolidated Plan.

ONE YEAR 2014-2015 ACTION PLAN: Based on the information and analysis presented in the 2011-2016 Brevard County HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan, community surveys, and public input, the County annually develops a One-Year Action Plan. This Plan sets priorities and allocates the County's FY2014/15 CDBG funds and the County's and Cities HOME funds for activities designed primarily to assist the low and moderate income residents in the upcoming program year, beginning October 1, 2014.

The following are the proposed allocations and funding recommendations for the use of County CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2014-2015:

CDBG PROGRAM (Brevard County): The CDBG's FY 2014-2015 total estimated allocation is **\$1,170,088**. The allocation breakdown is as follows:

Public Service Projects		Capital Improvement Projects/Demolition:	
Cuyler Community Learning Center	\$ 66,923.00	Burnett Road Beautification & Sidewalk	\$ 155,219.00
Central Brevard Sharing Center	\$ 45,246.00	Woody Simpson Park Community Room	155,219.00
Community Services Council of Brevard County	\$ 22,623.00	Schoolhouse Paving & Drainage	155,220.00
Early Learning Coalition	\$ 18,098.00	West Cocoa Pocket Park	273,500.00
AMI Kids Space Coast	\$ 22,623.00	Demolition	21,000.00
Subtotal Public Services	\$175,513.00	Subtotal Capital Improvement/Demolition:	\$ 760,558.00

Administration \$234,017.00

Total CDBG Funding: \$1,170,088

HOME PROGRAM: The Brevard County HOME Consortium's FY 2014-2015 total estimated allocation is \$624,092. The allocation breakdown is as follows: Brevard County \$152,072.48; Titusville \$88,539.20; Cocoa \$47,031.36; Melbourne \$150,516.64; Palm Bay \$185,932.32.

The Affordable Housing Council's recommendations for the County are below along with the totals for the Cities and the Consortium:

	COUNTY	CITIES	CONSORTIUM
CHDO 15% Set-Aside as Required by HOME Federal Regulations	\$ 22,811.72	\$ 70,800.28	\$ 93,612.00
Owner-Occupied Rehab/Repair/Replacement Programs	\$ 102,112.54	\$ 105,638.46	\$ 207,751.00
Acquisition Resale/Rental Housing	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Down Payment/Purchase Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 196,740.00	\$ 196,740.00
Fair Housing Administration	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 55,080.00	\$ 55,080.00
Administration	\$ 24,648.22	\$ 37,760.78	\$ 62,409.00
TOTAL	\$ 152,072.48	\$ 472,019.52	\$ 624,092.00

THIRTY-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There will be a thirty-day public comment period from June 16, 2014 to July 16, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. regarding the County's Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and Proposed Use of Funds. During this period, a draft of the Plans will be available for public review on the Brevard County Web site, www.brevardcounty.us/Human_Services, and at the following locations:

Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Bldg. B, Suite 106
Viera, FL 32940
(321) 633-2076

City of Palm Bay Housing & Neighborhood Development Services
120 Malabar Rd, SE
Palm Bay, FL 32907
(321) 952-3429

City of Cocoa
Community Development
65 Stone Street
Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 433-6511

City of Titusville
Neighborhood Svcs. Dept.
725 Deleon Ave.
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 383-5779

City of Melbourne Housing & Community Development
695 East University Boulevard
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 674-5734

Titusville Public Library
2121 S. Hopkins Ave.
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 264-5026

Franklin T. Degroot
Public Library
6475 Minton Rd. S.W.
Palm Bay, FL 32908
(321) 952-6317

Central Brevard Public Library
308 Forest Ave.
Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 633-1792

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Please address any written comments to: Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department, Attention: Dorenda Christian, Special Projects Coordinator, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building B, Suite B-106, Viera, FL 32940.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public hearings on the proposed FY 2014-2015 Action Plan are scheduled to be held as follows: July 8, 2014, and July 22, 2014 for final action and adoption. The Public Hearings will be held during the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners meeting, 1st floor Commission Chambers, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS: The County will respond within fifteen (15) days, in writing, to the public comments and will include them in the Consolidated and Action Plans.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

To ensure accessibility to all interested persons, including those with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Florida Accessibility Code (FAC), provisions of this ad and documents listed above may be requested in an alternative format, or if there is a need of assistance to participate at scheduled meetings please contact Mr. Brian Breslin, Housing & Human Services Department at (321) 633-2076 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

If a person desires to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at these public hearings, such a person will need a record of this proceeding and that, for such purposes, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of this proceeding is made, at his/her own expense, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is to be based.

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SERVICIES DEPARTMENT
2725 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY
BLDG B SUITE 106
VIERA, FL 32940

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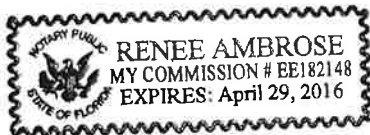
Affiant further says that the said **FLORIDA TODAY** is a newspaper in said Brevard County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Brevard County, Florida, regularly as stated above, and has been entered as periodicals matter at the post office in **MELBOURNE** in said Brevard County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in said newspaper.

Kathy Cicala
(Signature of Affiant)

7th of June 2014

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(Signature of Notary Public)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Complaints

About the Process and Determination of Priorities

Brevard Housing and Human Services staff has been withholding pertinent information from the Advisory Board and The County Commission about the finances of the CDBG Program in Brevard, This must come to an end.

Staff makes important decisions about projects, procedures, and priorities without consulting with either the advisory board, or the BOCC, let alone the residents.

Staff has misrepresented the intentions of the advisory board to the BOCC on numerous occasions.

Staff has Refused, rebuffed, or ignored requests for information and documentation on many different occasions and many times were questioned for not complying by advisory board members.

Staff thinks for some reason it is the only one who decides which project to prioritize and thinks it can just inform the Boards of the staff decision. The advisory board should be making all decisions on which projects to complete and when.

Projects concerning Health or safety endangerment mitigation should be given priority over all other projects, always! The advisory Board has made this statement over and over again but staff seems to ignore those directions.

Staff must repair the damage in the trust that the citizens have toward county staff, caused by the inappropriate actions and misguided leadership of the staff director.

Lies to the communities and citizens of this county should be dealt with severely and result in immediate removal of authority. A public, published policy should be immediately crafted and adopted (with zero tolerance, zero escape clauses) to be sure that this abhorrent behavior is never successfully displayed by anyone under the employment of Brevard County ever again. Employees of this County work for the citizens , staff must remember this basic tenement of their employment regardless of their perceived position.

The Advisory Board Chair under proper parliamentary procedure should be determining the agenda based on the input and requests of staff , advisory board members and citizen requests. Staff should be preparing, disseminating and preparing the notices of the meetings. Nothing should be on the agenda without approval of the chair.

Staff needs to provide Historical documentation to prove that every Strategic Target area in Brevard county has had placed upon it the same requirements, requests, procedures, lies, and harassment as West Canaveral Groves. This proof should be sent to HUD, the BOCC, and the Community.

**COMPLAINTS OF
EVENTS, PROCEDURES, and BEHAVIOR ENDURED BY
WEST CANAVERAL GROVES STRATEGY AREA
NOT REQUIRED OF ANY OTHER STRATEGY AREA IN BREVARD COUNTY
BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE WCG WATERLINE PROJECT.**

WCG SUBMITTED TWO APPLICATIONS ON THE SAME DAY, BOTH WERE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED. ONE WAS LATER DROPPED FROM THE OFFICIAL QUEUE OF PROJECTS. EVEN THOUGH INQUIREES HAVE BEEN MADE NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CORRECT THE ERROR. The missing project is for road improvement to satellite Blvd.

Required in 2003 to have public meetings to complete a "Neighborhood Action Plan" "to properly determine the priorities of the community" as the first step to getting our project.

Community had to Identify other sources of funding and present to staff those possible solutions because the pre award process was not available to the county.

Had to meet with staff and USDA on several occasions to find out eligibility and how the process would work. Only to have to correct the false statements made to D1 Commissioner about the need to require an MSTU/ MSBU before the application was presented to USDA for review prior to application process beginning. This happened on several occasions.

Had HHS Director come to community meeting and inform the community (in the Presence of D1 Commissioner) that HUD had instructed him that WCG no longer was qualified for the project and would have to requalify as a strategy area in order to receive funding. It was found to be blatantly false and in fact HUD had instructed just the opposite.

Then within a week the director informed the Advisory Board , that the project no longer qualified because "the Scope Had changed" even though during a Conference call With the Director of HUD in Jacksonville it was determined that the scope had not changed and by the way the project and the community would always be eligible for the project until it's completion. This Claim had to be

publicly addressed and refuted at the CDBG ADVISORY BOARD meeting when the director was trying to talk the board into killing the project. The board reaffirmed the project again.

The HHS director again used those false statements to convince the BOCC not to allow the pre award process to fund the project.

Had to prove that Fire safety was always a part of this project

Have had to have our project reaffirmed by the board on several occasions.

Have been held to a per house cost /benefit threshold never asked discussed or required by any community in the past or any project accepted and completed after WCG Waterline project was approved.

Have had to ask BOCC for permission to fund.

Have had to ask all residents to sign something that says they plan to sign an agreement to connect.

Have had to remain defensive against county staff, thus having relationships between staff , advisory board, and community harmed and causing major disruption and lack of trust of the HHS staff on the part of the citizens of Brevard county.

Had Agenda items purposefully crafted by staff with the intent to have the project killed and funding options systematically refused by BOCC by utilizing false statements and misinformation and negative reinforcement along with scare tactics.

WCG has had the intent, wishes, and recommendations of the advisory board misrepresented by staff to the commission. Including, but not limited to: making statements of Advisory Board direction that simply never has occurred or is just the opposite of what is officially filed to BOCC.

Had to endure Discussions of MSBU and MSTU processes to fund the project, which was later proven to be premature and not required (as was claimed by staff) for the USDA Rural Water program. No other strategy area has ever had to consider this. EVER!!!!

Have recently found out that there has been plenty of money to complete the project in a single funding cycle or two at most. But staff had not disclosed the

fact that there was 1.5 times our annual allocation in a credit account that HUD has regularly requested get used over the years. WCG has been told for 12 years there's not enough money when in fact there was. Another Lie to the community and the advisory board or just failure to disclose all pertinent information? Which ever is a violation of public trust and HUD Guidelines.

WCG residents want to know what the annual Balances of the Credit Account with HUD was on each month for the last 13 years.

No other strategy area has ever had to endure this kind of abuse of authority by county staff. No Community should, No community Should!

