

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

2023 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FISCAL YEAR 10/1/23 - 9/30/24

This CAPER is being submitted by the City of Port St. Lucie for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant number (B23MC120038) and covers the period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The City of Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Department prepared this report. If you should have any questions or require further information regarding this report, please contact Alessandra "Alex" Tasca at 772-344-4084.

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Projects listed in the 2023-24 Action Plan are either completed or currently underway. We expended a total of \$615,181.89 of current program year funding and an additional \$165,914.21 program income and carry forward funding from previous program years. The current program year funding was used to start and complete approved projects from the 23-24 Annual Action Plan including providing important connectivity links for major sidewalks, replacing failed culverts for stormwater management, Code Enforcement in Low Mod areas, Business Accelerator Program, and continued educational partnership with the Boys and Girls Mobile Tutoring Club in low and moderate parks. In addition to these public infrastructure improvement projects and public service activities the City continues to expend money and fund housing assistance programs including: \$158,299.00 for low- and moderate-income homeowner repair and rehabilitation leveraged with State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funding.

Most of the additional emergency COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) provided to the City was expended in the previous fiscal year. Approximately, \$153,508.00 of funding remain to be expended in the upcoming fiscal year. Staff will be working with an interdepartmental group and data to determine the best recommendations for the usage of those funds.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC & EMERGENCY RESPONSE		CDBG: \$	Other	Other	359930	1392575	386.90%			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0				
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG:	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	10	45	450.00%	5	5	100.00%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG:	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0		225000	125996	56.00%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0		50749	22851	45.03%
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	Non-Housing Community Development GRANT ADMINISTRATION	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1000000	599780	59.98%			

IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	54655	2,186.20%			
IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG:	Other	Other	0	0				
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	10	28	280.00%			
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	10	31	310.00%	2	16	800.00%
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	11				
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	281				
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	6				
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	5	1981	39,620.00%			

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT	Non-Housing Community Development INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2000	16280	814.00%	475164	411863	86.68%
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT	Non-Housing Community Development INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	CDBG:	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT	Non-Housing Community Development INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	CDBG:	Other	Other	0	0				
PUBLIC SERVICES	PUBLIC SERVICES	CDBG:	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		10000	0	0.00%
PUBLIC SERVICES	PUBLIC SERVICES	CDBG:	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		0	0	
PUBLIC SERVICES	PUBLIC SERVICES	CDBG:	Other	Other	2000	5503	275.15%	75000	60264	80.35%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

High priority was given to affordable housing activities, infrastructure improvements as well as public facility improvements which have all been given high priority based on public input and stakeholder consultation as well as City needs determined by expert staff. CDBG funding was utilized in all three categories of high priority activities which benefit the low/moderate income areas of the City.

Our State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program continues to focus on homeowner repair and rehabilitation including emergency repairs.

Our planned Economic Development activity began in January 2019 and our goal was to provide economic development assistance to local area businesses using CDBG and matching funds from an area bank. Upon review of the Business Accelerator Program, this current program year, five companies qualified for funding under CDBG low- and moderate- income guidelines and other companies received assistance from bank funds. In the Spring of 2024, there were 5 new business applicants.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOPWA
White	13	0
Black or African American	2	0
Asian	1	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Total	16	0
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Hispanic	5	0
Not Hispanic	11	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The Neighborhood Services Department tracks information about the households who benefit from the homeowner repair and rehabilitation assistance program as well as all other programs including Water Sewer Connection Grants. This includes family size and disability status. This information is also available in the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report.

The racial and ethnic composition of families assisted in 2023-24 with CDBG repair and rehabilitation funding is as follows: White families 13, Black/African American families 2, Asian families 1. Among these households, 5 were Hispanic households, and 3 had female head of household.

The City of Port St. Lucie has reallocated its HOPWA funding to the Statewide program.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year		
CDBG	public - federal	1,346,506	781,096		
HOPWA	public - federal	0	0		

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

There are twenty two census tracts/block groups within the City where over 51% of the residents had incomes below the area's Median Family Income maximums. This has been updated as a result of the new Census data provided by HUD this year. The City does not reserve funding for any particular area, but these census tracts/block groups are the locations where the City conducts CDBG activities on an area-wide basis when opportunities and funding are available. All CDBG activities were planned to benefit residents within one of these census tract areas or individual low- and moderate- income households.

NSP 1 funding is restricted to targeted areas which include the following census tracts: 3815.03, 3818.01, 3818.02, 3820.01, 3820.02, 3820.03, 3820.04, 3820.05, and 3821.05.

We have fully expended the NSP-3 grant and officially in the process of closeout.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Port St Lucie	45	45	City limits
WATER	40	5	City Limits
Windmill Point	100	27	382113/1

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

In the 2023-2024 CDBG program year funding, which includes program income and carry-forward funding, sidewalk project were executed in Census tracts 381802/1, 381802/2, Homeowner repair and rehabilitation program funding was spent City-wide, culvert improvements were executed in Census tract 382113/1, park improvement projects were executed in Census tracts 382009/3 113/4. The Boys and Girls Mobile Club was spent City-wide, and microenterprise activities were spent City-wide.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Funds for Community Development projects are leveraged with the City's funds and other Federal and State grants whenever possible, especially if a match is required. By utilizing the remaining NSP funding the City was able to build six affordable single family homes on City owned lots within the nine designated census tracts. Also, our Economic Development activity funding was matched by an area bank allowing for additional Microenterprise businesses to receive assistance. Our repair and rehabilitation program is primarily funded with State Housing Initiatives Partnership program funding and was also supplemented with CDBG and the City's Utility funds for water sewer connections and payoffs. City general funds are used to support staffing needs.

The City has piloted a first-time homeownership program with American Rescue Plan Act funds and will look to expand the program with NSP 1 remaining funds and program income.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	40	37
Number of Special-Needs households to be		
provided affordable housing units	5	7
Total	45	44

Table 5 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through		
Rental Assistance	5	10
Number of households supported through		
The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through		
Rehab of Existing Units	62	0
Number of households supported through		
Acquisition of Existing Units	2	37
Total	69	47

Table 6 - Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Our repair and rehabilitation projects are carried out with both the CDBG, and SHIP funding and we were able to offer housing repair and rehabilitation assistance as well as a water/sewer connection to 37 households (of which 16 were funded with CDBG funds).

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Future Action Plans will involve prioritizing projects that are the most important to low income households and helping residents avoid displacement and/or homelessness. The City is unique with a very high rate of homeownership, over 75%, and therefore, repair/rehabilitation will remain a core priority. Action Plans will ensure that these projects are analyzed regularly and funded as soon as possible.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	6	0
Low-income	9	0
Moderate-income	1	0
Total	16	0

Table 7 - Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Homeless people were not directly supported by the City's CDBG funding. Homeless populations are served through targeted programs and methodologies executed by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. (TCHSC) through the tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Consortium, of which the City of Port St. Lucie is a part and member. In 2023, the TCHSC reported the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) contributing agencies documented the value of services for homeless prevention, diversion and assistance in our jurisdiction at over \$1.3 million via the Housing Hub.

Funding in the City's jurisdiction served 551 individuals with housing related services, 615 individuals with utilities services, 8,279 individuals with case management, 866 individuals with health services, and 7,295 individuals with food services. This is over a 200% increase in services provided from the previous year. Permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals was provided to 56 clients in the City's jurisdiction and a total of 222 across the CoC tri-county service area. The TCHSC partnered with the City and County to assist in Emergency Eviction Diversion, Emergency Rental Assistance, and the creation of a Housing Hub during the COVID-19 pandemic and continued those efforts in 2021 and 2022. Currently, the City is partnering with them to distribute the last phase of Emergency Rental Assistance funding. The 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count reported a total of 27 sheltered homeless (up from 25 last year) and 254 unsheltered homeless (down from 313 last year) in our County. This number is slightly lower than what was counted in 2022. Homeless children account for 63 individuals in the total and Veterans account for 16 individuals of the total. The increase in child homelessness is of increasing concern for the jurisdiction. The City's Neighborhood Services Department works regularly with City officials, and the Police Department to assist with any homeless encounters in the jurisdiction. An additional 3,256 individuals are "doubled-up" residing in the housing of others (approximately 16% more than last year).

The City recognizes the rising need for shelter and affordable housing. A concerted effort to raise awareness and support for affordable housing was conducted and continues to be conducted throughout all Neighborhood Services activities and programs in collaboration with the City's Communications Department. Community partnerships in the jurisdiction are strong and all affordable housing projects and programs as well as the ones that address homelessness are supported by the City with the City's resources, when possible.

The TCHSC's full Annual Report and PIT are attached to this report.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. (TCHSC) serves as the official Continuum of Care for the Treasure Coast (St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties). It is the official qualified applicant for State and Federal homeless prevention, program development and direct services funding on

the Treasure Coast. It is also the leading agency for the State Office on Homelessness on behalf of the three county area. The Council operates a Homeless Resource Center for the Treasure Coast, which provides direct financial assistance to homeless and near-homeless families. These funds are paid directly to landlords and utility companies, not to applicants. The Council owns and operates 13 units of NSP affordable rental housing units in St. Lucie County for individuals and families who are at or below 30% of the area median income, with rents ranging from \$617-\$1,600 per month. During 2022, 18 adults with 25 children lived in these units.

TCHSC's HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), tracks all services provided by participating end users to persons and households throughout the Treasure Coast. It tracks critical information about needs and services but it can also track the reason why services which were requested were not provided. The HMIS provides a greater understanding of all households seeking assistance and what services are accessed. It reduces duplication among agencies and allows for participation in coordinated entry and coordinated service delivery. There are 9 participating agencies in St. Lucie County (SLC) which serve the City of Port St. Lucie: Angels of Hope Outreach, Children's Home Society, Mustard Seed Ministries, New Horizons, Salvation Army of SLC, SLC Community Services, TCHSC Resource Center, United Against Poverty, and SLC Veterans Services.

One of the benefits of the Coordinated Entry system is that households can obtain appropriate referrals to multiple agencies with one phone call. The top four services provided by the CoC members during 2022 were housing related, utilities, case management/mental health and food (the same as in 2021 and 2020). Other services include clothing, furniture, household goods, education/training, and gas/bus fares, etc.

Additionally, the Housing HUB, started in February 2021 as a Multi-Agency Resource Center, works with community partners who provide essential services. Partners include 19th Circuit Court Eviction Diversion, Healthcare Navigators by HANDS Clinic, Benefits assistance by RiteLife Inc., Mobile Health Bus by Visiting Nurse Association, SNAP/EBT assistance by Treasure Coast Food Bank, and Emergency Rental Assistance.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

TCHSC coordinates all grant funding applications for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing through the State Office on Homelessness and HUD. In partnership with Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties, TCHSC received \$8,168,583 (approximately 20% more funding than the previous year) of grant funding which included CARES Act and ARP Act pandemic funding.

In 2023, over 45,000 services were provided to over 4,900 households in the County. Of the total client services provided about 52% were provided in the St. Lucie County area of the tri-county area serviced.

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

The Neighborhood Services Department provides referrals to all of the TCHSC partner agencies, the housing authority or to low cost apartments in the area when necessary or as programs are made available. Affordable rental housing continues to be a need in the jurisdiction. The COVID-19 pandemic and the sharp rise in construction activity as well as rising housing costs continues to exacerbate the problem exponentially. The City is working with a Community Land Trust and all partners in the CoC to identify any new projects or programs to help address the need. Extreme cases are being addressed by the City, County and TCHSC as a collaborative team effort in partnership with all other social agencies and the County Clerk of Courts. Eviction diversion has been a top priority for the City with COVID-19 emergency relief funding through the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act and will continue to be so through 2023 and 2024. In 2021-22 the City partnered with the County to conduct its first ever Comprehensive Housing Needs Analysis and Implementation Plan (currently underway, due January 2024).

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

The Neighborhood Services Department is a member of the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council and the Council of Social Agencies (C.O.S.A.). These agencies provide referral services for individuals and families needing assistance throughout the county, including assistance for the homeless. In addition, the Police Department serves as a member of the "One-Stop" program, which uses the above

information for client referrals countywide.

St. Lucie County counts the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons at a given point in time each year during the last ten days of January as mandated by HUD.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Public Housing Authority is located outside of Port St Lucie City limits.

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

Not applicable

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There are not any troubled PHA's located in the City of Port St Lucie or St. Lucie County.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City of Port St. Lucie, as a recipient of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding, is required every year to form an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to review and assess public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing and to report on that assessment. In April 2023 the AHAC was reestablished to prepare a report on affordable housing incentives for submission to Florida Housing Finance Corporation. That report was reviewed, finalized and presented via an advertised Public Hearing on November 13, 2024, and December 2, 2024. The Committee is looking forward to recommending and creating more policies and opportunities for the promotion of more affordable housing within the City. The Committee has identified the need for larger scale affordable home projects.

The City prepared, approved and submitted its most recent Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) during the first quarter of 2022.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Housing Needs: The City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) housing assistance program received \$2,582,426 in funding for the state fiscal year 2023-2024. Due to increased efforts this funding has increased significantly, almost fourfold, in the last two years. Twenty percent of the SHIP funding allocations must be reserved for special needs clients, with emphasis on developmentally disabled individuals. The City will continue to fund its Homeowner Repair and Rehabilitation Program for the near future since that is one of the greatest needs. The program was severely underfunded for close to a decade and the City's homeownership rate is one of the highest in the State and country, 78%. Housing prices have climbed to the point that fewer households can afford to purchase single family homes. The remaining NSP Grant funds and program income will be used to continue affordable housing project efforts as well as water sewer connections to assist in getting residents off of septic tanks.

Community Development Needs: Water quality continues to be an area of concern as the City continues to grow in population size. As such, funding is being allocated to provide water/sewer connection grants to low- and moderate- income residents to mitigate the negative environmental effects of the aging septic systems on or near the St. Lucie River which is an important natural resource in our community. Water/Sewer connections are funded with CDBG and SHIP funds as grants to low- and moderate-income households within the City limits.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All homes that come through the homeowner repair and rehabilitation program are inspected and if the home is built prior to 1978 paint samples are tested for lead at a licensed laboratory. If the presence of lead is found in the home, steps to abate the lead will be taken if feasible.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Our anti-poverty strategy consists of a concentrated effort to increase economic opportunities for citizens of Port St. Lucie, particularly those in low- and moderate-income households. Housing and economic programs that have been helpful to this strategy include CDBG and SHIP funding. SHIP and CDBG funding was used to provide homeowner repair and rehabilitation assistance to 44 low- and moderate- income households. Additionally, local funds and other grant funds are being used for some of the infrastructure improvements. The use of funding for housing has helped to create job opportunities (construction work) for area residents.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Port St. Lucie enrolls in training events, when available, to increase knowledge of staff members regarding funding needs and programs available to meet those needs. Lending consortium meetings are held quarterly to keep lender groups connected and focused on affordable housing issues within the county.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City continues to coordinate with the St. Lucie County Community Services Department and social service agencies, such as COSA (Council of Social Agencies), and SAFER St. Lucie to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

No impediments have been reported or identified.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

Staff compare projects completed with projects proposed under the Action Plan in order to evaluate our CDBG progress on all projects within the City and County at large. We compare the Annual Goals and Objectives with actual amounts expended and units completed. This information was included in our Action Plan for 23-24 and contains numerical goals for resources used during the program year. In looking back at the programs and activities that took place last year, the City stayed on target with the goals and objectives listed in the Consolidated Plan. We utilized our funding in the areas where demand was highest. Resident input and the City's National Community Survey are used to gauge demand and needs. As in previous years, the highest need was for homeowner repair/rehabilitation as well as recreational facilities and green spaces.

The availability of the Annual Performance report narrative and all IDIS reports was advertised in a local newspaper and in a local Spanish newspaper as well as on the City's website and electronic City Council meeting agenda management system. A public hearing was held on December 2, 2024. The report was made available for review following the public hearing and meeting from December 3, 2024, through to December 17, 2024.

Comments received as a result of the public hearing or during the public comment period specific to the CAPER will be input here. No comments were received regarding the Annual Performance report neither during the public hearing meeting nor during the public comment period.

Additionally, we engage in regular community outreach all year long about our programs and projects via our Communications Department, specialized Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement (NICE) Office and all social media channels. Newspaper advertisements are placed regularly according to Federal Regulations. Two special public outreach meetings were conducted in April 2024 and an additional two meetings were conducted in March and June of 2024 together with an in-depth survey in 2021 regarding CDBG and the preparation of the City's Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

Nonprofit and governmental stakeholders from the entire County were contacted and surveyed about the preparation of a new Analysis of Impediments and Citizen Participation Plan. In 2023 and 2024 in depth research and outreach was done for the Housing Needs Assessment project. In collaboration with St. Lucie County and Ft. Pierce the City conducted Stakeholder workshops on the topic in March 2023 and during the summer months of 2023 conducted a County-wide online survey where hundreds of responses were received.

Accommodations and language services are always posted and available.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City of Port St. Lucie is responsive to changes in the physical environment that may have a negative impact on its citizens. Steps are taken to mitigate or improve the negative changes as soon as possible. The Neighborhood Services Department works closely with its counterparts at St. Lucie County on housing related issues. The Department also works closely on project interdepartmental teams within the City and communicates regularly with the County's 300+ network of non-profit service providers known as the Council of Social Agencies (COSA) and the Continuum of Care (CoC). Monthly meetings allow swift responsiveness to any issues that arise. The City's interdepartmental Grants & Advocacy team meets regularly and collaborates on applying for all grants that are available to help mitigate environmental, social and economic issues within the City and leverage existing funding for existing budgetary needs.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance		
to prevent homelessness of the individual or		
family	0	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0	0
Units provided in permanent housing facilities		
developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA		
funds	0	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing		
facilities developed, leased, or operated with		
HOPWA funds	0	0

Table 8 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

Narrative

Not applicable, the City of Port St. Lucie reallocates it's HOPWA funding to the Statewide program.

CR-58 - Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	3	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	1,389				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

Table 9 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	16				
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	5				
Held one or more job fairs.	2				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	1				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	5				
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0				
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	2				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0				

Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0		
Other.	3		

Table 10 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The City of Port St. Lucie is member to a local organization created by non-profits called the Council of Social Agencies or COSA. Staff attends monthly meetings with over 300 local non-profit organizations including representatives from 2-1-1. Updates are provided through the group's list serve and all residents that contact Neighborhood Services either via Internet, on the phone or in-person are referred to these organizations who specify in a wide variety of different social services including job and housing assistance. These included: job site advertisement, Section 3 training at project pre-construction meetings, word of mouth, and contractor training.

The City has deployed a 24/7 City Hall application and call center (1PSL @ 772-871-1775(1PS)). We will work over the next year to incorporate more information about these new items in this section and determine if the City does refer people to services how we can better track that for reporting purposes.

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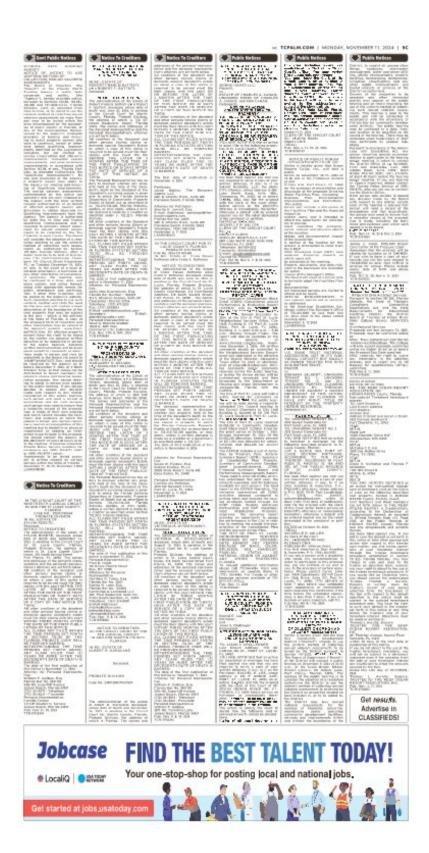
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2023-2024 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for review and comment from December 2, 2024, through December 16, 2024, at the City of Port St. Lucie Neighborhood Services Office, City Hall, Building A, 121 Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984. Building A is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The report will also be available on the city's website at www.cityofpsl.com/housing, beginning December 2, 2024. All written comments should be submitted to the Neighborhood Services Department and addressed to the attention of the Deputy Director, Alessandra Tasca either by mail or electronic mail at atasca@cityofpsl.com. Written comments and/or comments received during the public hearing, or during the review period, will be summarized, answered, and then forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Jacksonville, Florida with the CAPER.

The City of Port St. Lucie will hold a public hearing for comments on **December 2, 2024**. The public hearing will be held during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the Council Chambers in City Hall Building A, located at 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, FL, **beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

The City of Port St. Lucie received \$1,055,238 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the grant period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Of the \$1,055,238 allocation, twenty percent or \$211,000 was allocated for administration and \$844,238 for project funding.

The CAPER includes a List of Activities by Program Year, Activity Summary Report (GPR), Summary of Consolidated Plan Projects, Summary of Community Development Accomplishments, CDBG Financial Summary Report and Performance Measurements Report. These reports show all CDBG activities undertaken this past year, the amounts expended, and the balances available for each project. The final report is the CAPER Narrative. The narrative summarizes all CDBG activities planned compared to actions taken and includes the housing strategies funded through the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) and NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) programs. The narrative report provides an opportunity to assess the performance of the City in relation to meeting the overall five-year priorities of the Consolidated Plan and the one-year Action Plan.

THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES PROGRAMS DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP, FAMILIAL STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OR AGAINST ANY OTHER PROTECTED CLASSES.

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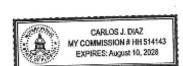
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PORT ST. LUCIE

BECAS DE DESARROLLÓ COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DE LA CIUDAD DE PORT ST. LUCIE

El Informe de rendimiento anual (CAPER) del Becas de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) estará disponible para su revisión y comentario del día 2 de Diciembre 2024 heste el día 16 de Diciembre de 2024 en Edificio A del Ayuntamiento, de la ciudad de Port 5t. Lucie, 121 Port 5t. Lucie Bixd., Port 5t. Lucie, Fl., 34784. El Edificio A estará abiento de 8:00 am a 5:00 pm, de lunes a viernes. El informe tembién estará disponible en la págine web de la ciudad en axast atripada com/housing, a partir del 2 de Diciembre de 2024, Todos los comentarios asortios deban enviarsa al Departamento de Sensicos del Vacindario per correo electrónico atascalitativo fisal com, y dirigina a la atanción de Alessandra Tasca, Directora Deputade. Comentarios certicos ylo comentarios sacibidos durante la audiancia pública, o durante el período de revisión, se resumirán, se responderán, y luego remitidos al Departamento de Vivianda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) en Jadesonville, Florida, con el CAPER.

la ciudad de Port St. Lucie llavará a cabo una audienda pública el día **2 de Diciembre 2024** sobre el CAPER del CDBG 2023-2024. La audiencia pública se llavará a cabo durante una recirión del Consejo de la ciudad de su horado regular. Las reuniones del Concejo Municipal sa llavan a cabo en la Cámara del Concejo en el edificio del Alcáldia, que se encuentra a 121 SW Port St. Lucia Boulavard, Port St. Lucia, FL, a pardir de las 1:00 RM..

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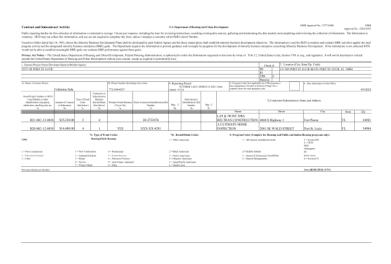
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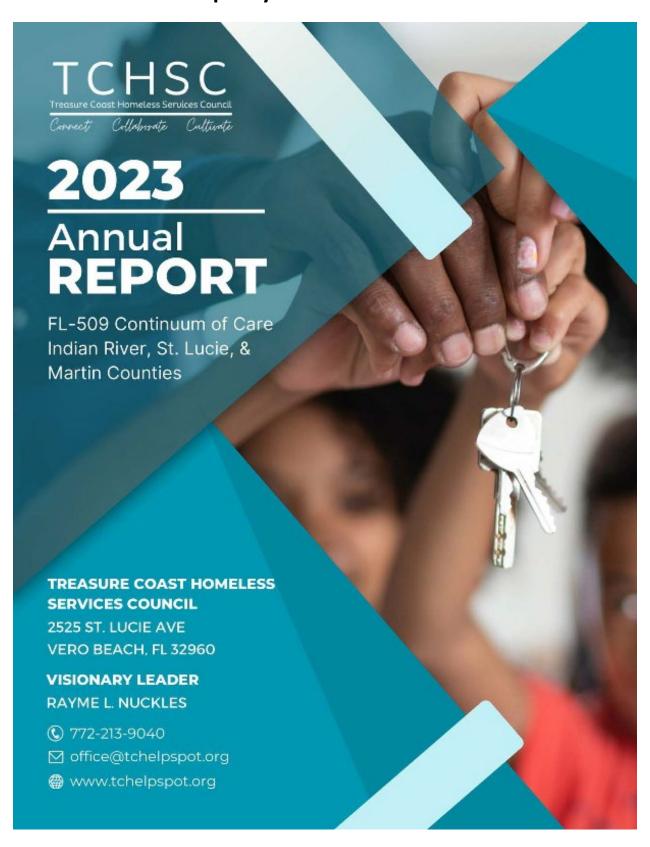
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CoC 2023 Annual Report ÿ 2024 PIT



The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is the lead agency for the FL-509 Continuum of Care on Florida's Treasure Coast. This Annual Report provides a summary of both agency and CoC-wide accomplishments throughout the year of 2023.

A message from the Board Chair

Dear Collaborators,

As we head into 2024, our goals of preventing and ending homelessness on Florida's Treasure Coast are stronger than ever. In 2023 we saw tremendous change and growth for our agency, and with it tremendous growth. We have increased services and programs and began improving our methods of program delivery.

We have such immense gratitude for all of those who have supported our mission and believed in our good work. Thanks to your continued support, the CoC has assisted over 10,000 individuals in 2023 and provided over \$4.4 million dollars' worth of assistance in programs and services. Across the Treasure Coast, the CoC has provided over 84,000 services to those in need. The impact of our work in the communities we serve is simply invaluable.

Providing housing for those who need it most has meant so much more than just four walls and a roof over the heads of those we've served. It's meant safety, respect, support, and health. It's provided the opportunity to take advantage of supportive services that increase access to positive results and stability in their health, career, finances, and even personal relationships.

This has been made wholly possible by your support. Whether you're a donor, community partner, board member, staff, or volunteer, thank you for making our success possible.

A message from the Visionary Leader

In upcoming years, TCHSC will be working harder than ever to leverage data and strong collaborations to drive systemic change in homelessness across the Treasure Coast. We aspire to be a data-driven leader, working alongside our member agencies to target the very root causes of homelessness.

Our vision for a better future includes a strong partnership with our data management system to create predictive analytics where real-time data can predict and prevents homelessness before it occurs. This will require us to continue developing a robust data infrastructure and strong partnerships with local municipalities and social service agencies across the Continuum of Care. All of our partnering agencies are instrumental to the success of our efforts.

We are excited, as the lead agency, to help cultivate this lasting change. Moving forward, TCHSC is actively working on repositioning, rebranding, and building a new vision in 2025. These efforts will be one of the first moves as we work towards our vision of a truly collaborative Treasure Coast. We will redefine how we interpret and approach homelessness and how we enact housing solutions, with the client's needs always at the center of everything we do.

Through a strong focus on housing first principles and developed understanding of individual's social determinants of health, TCHSC will work collaboratively to connect individuals quickly to the services they need, cultivating lasting change on the Treasure Coast.

As the Visionary Leader of TCHSC, I am personally dedicated to upholding these changes, fostering transparency throughout this process, and providing unwavering support to our Continuum of Care. I believe this data-driven, collaborative approach will empower them to be even more effective. Together, we will build a future where homelessness is not just managed, but prevented. Thank you.

The mission of the Treasure Coast Homeless Services
Council is to prevent and end homelessness on the
Treasure Coast and to assure that if homelessness
happens, it is brief and non-recurring.

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Todd Heckman Life Resource Planners of the Treasure Coast 2023 Board Chair



Rayme L. Nuckles MHS, MPS, SPHM Visionary Leader since 2022

A Story Of Preserverence

32-year-old Zachery had a history of facing homelessness when he was enrolled into the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, where he was supported in receiving a housing voucher and monthly assistance through The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

Despite this initial support, Zachery still struggled with motivation and found it difficult to pursue complete independence. He connected with Rhoshanda Jones, Outreach Specialist through the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP).

Rhoshanda was able to share her personal story of previous homelessness, recovery, and perseverance. This allowed Zachery to share his own recovery journey, creating a connection that helped bring him out of his shell as Rhoshanda encouraged him to connect with services.

Zachery enrolled in the Success Training Employment Program (STEP) through United Against Poverty. He graduated and completed his resume and only three days later landed a job! And his upward momentum didn't end there.

Just a month later, Zachery celebrated a year in recovery. He has started his career through Indian River State College's Welding School and is now actively working on regaining his Driver's License. He was even able to purchase an e-bike to enhance his independent mobility to his job and around town.

In less than a year, Zachery has a safe home, a job, is pursuing education, and is even re-building his relationship with his family.

"I'm focused now and so full of gratitude. Thank you to all of those who made this possible."

Programs and

Ongoing

Community Information System: Tracks data on people experiencing homelessness, helping communities understand the scope of the issue and measure the effectiveness of programs.

Homeless Prevention: Provides resources and assistance to individuals and families at risk of losing their housing, helping them stay stable.

Rapid Re-Housing: Offers short-term financial and supportive services to quickly transition people experiencing homelessness back into permanent housing.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Connects veterans and their families experiencing homelessness with essential services like case management, employment assistance, and healthcare navigation to help them achieve long-term stability.

Permanent Supportive Housing: Combines affordable housing units with ongoing support services, addressing the needs of individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness and disabling conditions.

Affordable Rental Housing: Increases the availability of housing units that are affordable for low-income renters, providing more options to prevent and end homelessness.

St. Lucie Housing Hub (Men's Shelter): Provides emergency shelter, meals, and basic necessities for homeless men in St. Lucie County, offering a safe place to stay while they connect with resources.

Eviction Diversion: Offers financial assistance, mediation, or legal aid to help tenants at risk of eviction avoid losing their homes and maintain housing stability.

Services

New

Reunification of Families: Works to reunite children in foster care or shelters with their families, promoting family stability and well-being.

Vulnerable Population Diversion: Identifies and steers individuals with complex needs (like mental illness or disability) away from homelessness and into appropriate support services.

Legal Services for Individuals & Families: Provides legal representation or advice on housing issues like eviction prevention or fair housing rights, helping people navigate the legal system to secure or retain housing.

Rapid Resolution Respite: Offers temporary housing and support services to individuals recently discharged from hospitals who lack stable housing, preventing them from returning to homelessness.

Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program: Specifically assists homeless veterans in accessing resources and support services to reintegrate them into stable housing and communities.

St. Lucie Housing Hub (Women's Shelter): Provides emergency shelter, meals, and basic necessities for homeless women in St. Lucie County, offering a safe place to stay while they connect with resources.

Housing Navigation: Connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing options and guides them through the application process.

Health Care Navigation: Assists individuals and families experiencing homelessness in accessing healthcare services and resources, promoting their overall well-being.

In 2023 We Focused On

- Housing First Principles
- Shared Housing Principles
- · Social Determinants of Health
- · Increasing supportive services in all three counties
- Increased services focused on women
- Increased services focused on marginalized communities
- · Increasing reliable data input and using data as a catalyst for prevention
- · Create shelters in St. Lucie County
- Increased services for Veterans facing homelessness
- Rapid Resolution and Rapid Re-Housing Efforts

Increase services across the tri-county region by 50%

"To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless...yes, it's a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong."

- Vincent van Gogh







"It's important to remember that...behind every statistic is a human being with a story. We can't forget that these are our neighbors, our friends, our coworkers, and our family members who are struggling."

- Bruce Cady, Director of Operations.

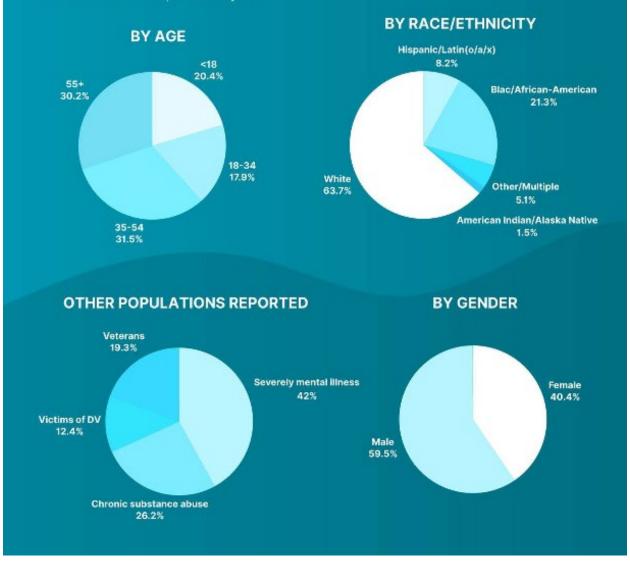


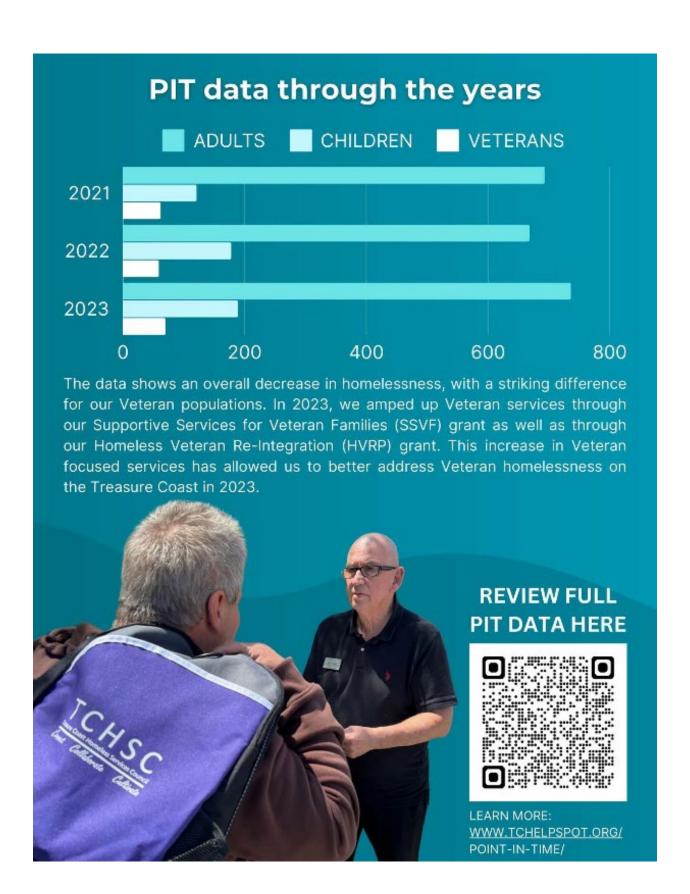


Point-In-Time

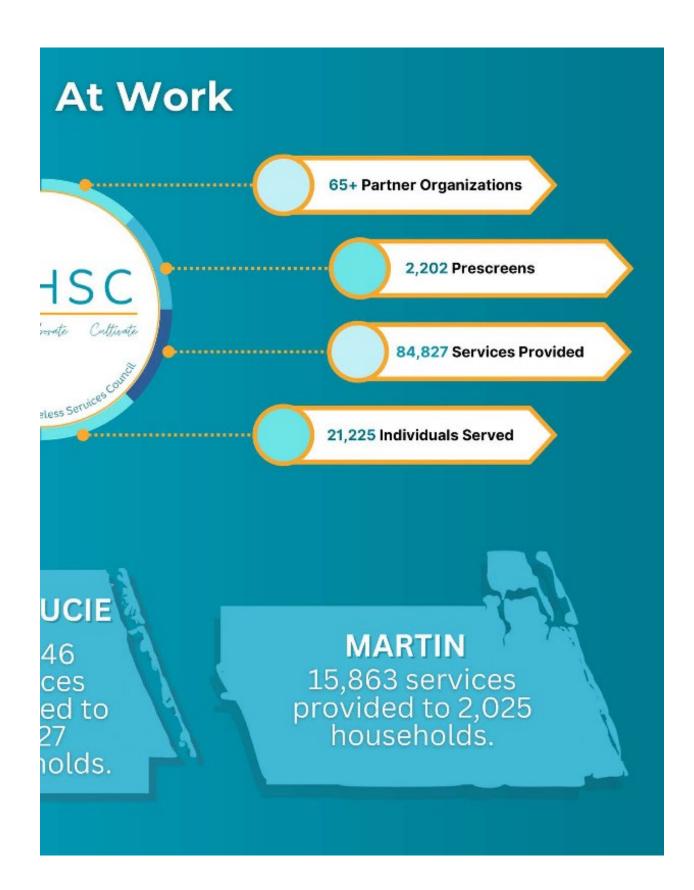
The annual Point-in-Time (PIT) conducted on one of the last 10 days in January, for a 24-hour period across the tri-county region of Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties. During that time, staff, volunteers, and community collaborators joined together to identify individuals experiencing literal homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered.

In 2023, the count was held on January 26th and showed a total of 925 literally homeless individuals (736 adults and 189 children), showing a 9% increase from the pervious year.









Top Five Services Provided Per County By Value

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	TOTAL VALUE	INDIVIDUALS SERVED
HOUSING RELATED	\$1,251,651.44	905
FOOD	\$399,042.81	4,064
HEALTH	\$218,202.82	1,689
UTILITIES	\$201,478.89	1,765
CASE MANAGEMENT	\$192,440.31	2,827
ST. LUCIE COUNTY	TOTAL VALUE	INDIVIDUALS SERVED
HOUSING RELATED	\$1,066,759.33	551
UTILITIES	\$126,357.92	775
CASE MANAGEMENT	\$117,222.22	8,279
HEALTH	\$41,850.94	866
FOOD	\$41,157	7,295
MARTIN COUNTY	TOTAL VALUE	INDIVIDUALS SERVED
HOUSING RELATED	\$448,831.71	313
UTILITIES	\$155,722.12	615
CASE MANAGEMENT	\$65,139.52	3,051
HEALTH	\$22,205.83	482
FOOD	\$9,980	2,213

The CoC reported a 14.5% increase in service delivery in 2023, logging 10,735 more service entries than in 2022.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is designed for people experiencing chronic homelessness to support long-term housing stability and improve overall well being. PSH uses a **housing first** model where clients are assessed and placed on a prioritization list based on the severity of need, not on their "readiness for housing". PSH is tenant based rental assistance. The client can live in any available housing unit in the community that can pass housing quality inspection and is rent reasonable.

COUNTY	AWARD	CLIENTS HOUSED
INDIAN RIVER	\$1,085,736	143
ST. LUCIE	\$494,328	56
MARTIN	\$355,884	23
TOTAL	\$1,935,948	222

2023-2024 Fair Market Rent (FMR)

Final FY 2024 & Final FY 2023 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY						
YEAR 0 BED 1 BED 2 BED 3 BED 4 BED						
FY 2024 FMR	\$991	\$1,195	\$1,462	\$1,844	\$2,481	
FY 2023 FMR	\$845	\$1,048	\$1,264	\$1,629	\$2,104	

ST. LUCIE & MARTIN COUNTY					
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FY 2024 FMR	\$1,278	\$1,286	\$1,573	\$2,175	\$2,433
FY 2023 FMR	\$1,153	\$1,160	\$1,458	\$1,969	\$2,265

2023 CONNECT COLLABORATE CULTIVATE



Rapid Resolution Respite opened in collaboration with the Indian River Hospital District to provide immediate safe housing for those who would otherwise exit into homelessness.

The Housing Hub Women's Shelter opened with generous funding from St. Lucie County, offering non-congregate solutions for single, unaccompanied women with collaboration from SafeSpace, Inc.

TCHSC made an increased effort to improve services in St. Lucie and Martin Counties in 2023. Increasing provided services by 92% and 42% respectively.





TCHSC became the designated awardee of Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) through the Department of Labor, \$500,000 yearly for three years.

Increase services provided in St. Lucie County (92%) Increased services provided in Martin County (42%)



"Before you ignore another homeless person on the street, just remember that could be someone's father or someone's mother and they have a story."

- Svesha Mercado

people were housed across the tricounty region by TCHSC through Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Shelter moves into Permanent Housing.

TCHSC provided 5,529 services to 1,038 individuals, including 130 Veterans. Tricounty services increased by a total of 50% in 2023.



MORE ONE dollars in new funding to support new programs in the community such as HVRP, Rapid Resolution Respite, and more.

2023 ANNUAL EVENT

112 collaborative partners attended the 2023 CoC Annual Event and celebrated as we wrapped up our productive year, enjoyed the insightful words of speaker Senator Rosalind Osgood, and handed out 19 awards to local agencies and individuals who had been nominated as exemplary in their field.

Individual Awardees



Stefanie Myers FL Department





Christopher Nolan Tykes & Teens Let the Heroes Know



Miranda Flatt RiteLife Services



Carla-Paula daSilva U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs



Frederick Hope



Heyward Silcox Love & Hope In Action



Sherry Siegfried **Treasure Coast** Food Bank

Agency Awardees





A legacy of dedication

In October 2023, we lost our beloved coworker Walter Washington, For nearly a decade, Walter provided exceptional professional care to those experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. His empathy and temperament allowed him to bring compassionate care and services to hundreds of men, women, and children across the Treasure Coast.

At the 2023 annual meeting, in Walter's memory, TCHSC revealed a new award. The Walter Washington "In His Shoes" award. This award will be handed off each year to a new organization exemplifying the qualities necessary to carry on Walter's work.

These qualities were developed by Walter's daughter to help us uphold his memory for years to come and encourage our community partners to always put their best foot forward.

Those qualities include:

- · Dedicated in the field
- Displayed leadership
- Communicate with ALL demographics
- Willing to put in work even after clocking out.
- Positive and balance of professionalism and humor.

So remember Walter as you conduct your daily work and just know that he is here in spirit encouraging us all to continue doing our absolute best at all times.

"If the awardee has a story of how they overcame any trying obstacles...let them embrace that past and apply it in a positive way to serve others."

- Shanene Washington



Financial Summary

"Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC) is committed to responsible financial management and transparency. We strive to utilize all contributions effectively to maximize our impact in ending homelessness. In 2022, we spent 97% of revenue on programs, 2.9% on administration, and 5% on fundraising. 2023 audit information is on extension and will be included in the next annual report. A detailed breakdown of our income and expenditures is available upon request, demonstrating our commitment to financial accountability and responsible stewardship of your support.

Condensed Audit Information

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022.

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivilents	\$2,210,514
Accounts Receivable	\$461,558
Other Current Assets	\$63,962
Property and Equipment	\$2,345,115
Other Assets	\$295,315
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,376,464

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$32,897
Deferred Revenue	\$48,705
Other Liabilities	\$52,057
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$133,659
Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,883,284
With Donor Restrictions	\$2,259,521
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,242,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$5,376,464



Programs | 97%
Administration | 2.9%
Fundraising | 0.2%



REVENUE

Government Grants | 84.1% Rental Income | 8.7% Individual/Grants (Non-Govt) | 7.3%



THANK YOU

TO OUR 2023 SUPPORTERS

\$750,000+

Department of Children and Families City of Port St. Lucie

\$500,000+

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs U.S. Department of Labor St. Lucie County BOCC

\$250,000+

Indian River Hospital District

\$100,000+

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) City of Fort Pierce

\$50,000+

Indian River County BOCC Bernard E. Egan Foundation John's Island Foundation

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\$25,000+

John's Island Community Service League Martin County BOCC Indian River County United Way Community Church of Vero Beach United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee (BOCC Funding)

\$5,000+

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\$1,000+

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Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless Foundation Meredith Rishko

A note to our donors: Thank you! Your generosity fuels our mission and empowers thousands each year. With your support, we provide vital services hat break the cycle of homelessness and cultivate self-sufficiency. Thank you for partnering with TCHSC in creating a brighter future for the Treasure Coast.

Because of you, lives are changed.

IF YOUR NAME IS MISSING OR NOT LISTED CORRECTLY, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MEDIA@TCHELPSPOT.ORG

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TOGETHER WE ARE THE CHANGE



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211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.

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City of Fellsmere

Coalition for Attainable Homes

Community Church of Vero Beach

Department of Health - Indian River County

Department of Health - St. Lucie County

Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of St. Lucie County

ELC of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee

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Economic Opportunities Council - IRC

First Presbyterian Church - Vero Beach

Florida Department of Children and Families

Florida Department of Health Florida Rural Legal Services

Fellsmere Community Enrichment Program, Inc.

GraceWay Village

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Indian River County Health and Human Services

Indian River County School District

Indian River County Sheriff's Department

Indian River County Veteran Services

Indian River County Housing Services Division

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LifeBuilders

Love and Hope in Action

Martin County School District

Martin County Sherriff's Office

Martin County Veteran Services

Martin County School District

Martin County Health and Human Services

Mental Health Association of Indian River

Mental Health Collaborative of IRC

Mary's Home

MISS, Inc.

Mustard Seed Ministries, Inc.

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

Project LIFT

Public Defender, 19th Circuit Court

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Salvation Army of Indian River County

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Okeechobee County

Samaritan Center of Vero Beach

Sarah's Kitchen - St. Lucie County

Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Helen Catholic Church - Vero Beach

St. Lucie County Community Services

St. Lucie County Health and Human Services

St. Lucie County School District

St. Lucie County Veteran Services

St. Vincent de Paul - St. Lucie County

Stuart Housing Authority

SafeSpace, Inc.

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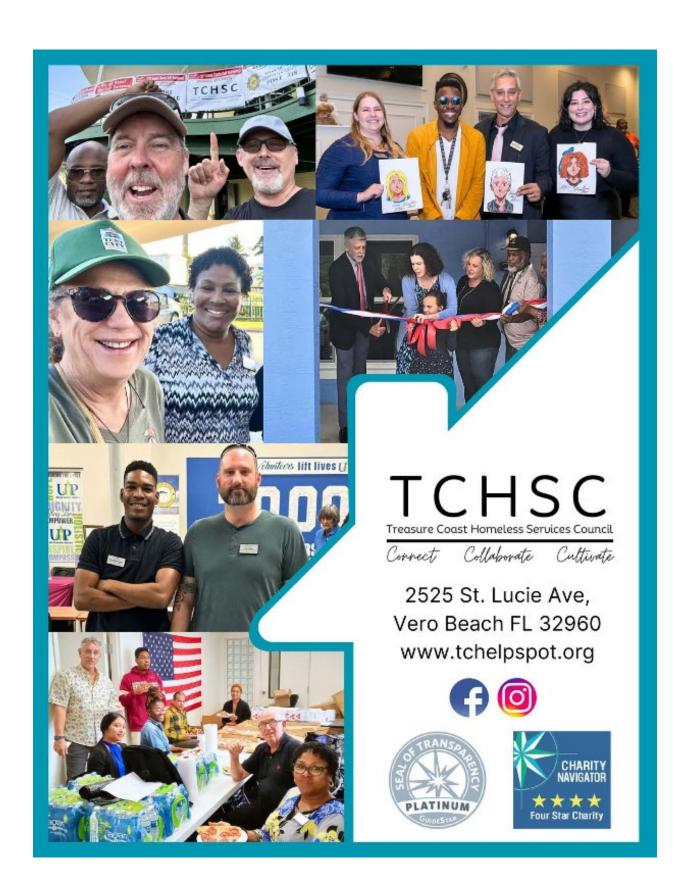
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Veterans Council of Indian River County

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General Information

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council conducted its 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count on January 25, 2024. The PIT is a count of both sheltered and unsheltered literally homeless persons on a single night in January. To be counted during PIT, individuals must be experiencing literal homelessness (sleeping on the street, in a car, in the woods, in a camp, or other place not meant for human habitation) or sheltered (emergency shelter, transitional shelter, hotel paid for by an agency). There was a total of 22 agencies that surveyed unsheltered homeless individuals and 7 agencies that reported sheltered homeless individuals.

2024 Homeless Data

On January 25, 2024, there were a total of 701 individuals (529 adults and 172 children) who were counted as homeless on the Treasure Coast. These numbers show a 24% decrease from the 2023 PIT count.

Residing In the Housing of Others

Individuals temporarily staying with family or friends because of economic reasons are not considered literally homeless. During the 2023 PIT Count, 2,720 individuals were counted as "doubled-up". In 2024 this has increased by 16% with 3,256 individuals doubled-up, as reported by participating agencies during the Point in Time count.

Methods

The PIT numbers reflect the official homeless numbers reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the Continuum of Care each year. We utilize street outreach teams, service organizations, school homeless liaisons, and shelter programs to provide an accurate count of individuals who meet HUDs definition of homelessness, counted on one specific day in the last 10 days of January. For validation purposes, we have deleted any duplicates and double checked HMIS to verify program enrollment on the day of the count. This method of counting has been utilized for all homeless data provided by this Continuum of Care and is an accurate way to show trends in homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET

FL-509 - INDIAN RIVER, ST. LUCIE & MARTIN COUNTIES

These numbers represent the number of sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals. These numbers are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 3,256 individuals residing in the housing of others were not counted in these totals.

TOTAL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

	JANUARY 26, 2023	JANUARY 25, 2024	DIFFERENCE	%
ADULTS	736	529	(207)	-28%
CHILDREN	189	172	(17)	-9%
TOTAL	925	701	(224)	-24%

VETERAN STATUS

(self-reported and not verified during the PIT count)

VETERANS 70	36	-34	-48%
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2024 SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED

	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
ADULTS	69	460	529
CHILDREN	78	94	172
TOTAL	147	554	701

HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

These numbers represent sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Indian River County and are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 321 individuals residing in the housing of others were not counted in these totals.

TOTAL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

	JANUARY 26, 2023	JANUARY 25, 2024	DIFFERENCE	%
ADULTS	256	154	(102)	-40%
CHILDREN	85	71	(16)	-16%
TOTAL	341	225	(118)	-34%

VETERAN STATUS

(self-reported and not verified during the PIT count)

VETERANS	30	14	(16)	-53%	
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2024 SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED

	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
ADULTS	27	127	154
CHILDREN	48	23	71
TOTAL	75	150	225

AGENCIES PROVIDING DATA

UNSHELTERED: NEW HORIZONS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, UNITED AGAINST POVERTY, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CAREERSOURCE, RITELIFE, FRANK NOLAN, CITY OF SEBASTIAN, IRC SALVATION ARMY

SHELTERED: HOPE FOR FAMILIES CENTER, SAMARITAN CENTER, SAFESPACE

HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET ST. LUCIE COUNTY

These numbers represent sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in St. Lucie County and are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 2,281 individuals residing in the housing of others were not counted in these totals.

TOTAL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

	JANUARY 26, 2023	JANUARY 25, 2024	DIFFERENCE	%
ADULTS	286	218	(68)	-24%
CHILDREN	52	63	+11	+21%
TOTAL	338	281	(57)	-17%

VETERAN STATUS

(self-reported and not verified during the PIT count)

VETERANS	28	16	(8)	-43%
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2024 SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED

	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
ADULTS	17	201	218
CHILDREN	10	53	63
TOTAL	27	254	281

AGENCIES PROVIDING DATA

UNSHELTERED: NEW HORIZONS, ST. LUCIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, UNITED AGAINST POVERTY, MUSTARD SEED, SLC SALVATION ARMY, CAREERSOURCE, RITELIFE, REACH CHURCH, WEST PALM BEACH VA, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SHELTERED: ST. LUCIE HOUSING HUB, CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

HOMELESSNESS FACT SHEET MARTIN COUNTY

These numbers represent sheltered or unsheltered literally homeless individuals in Martin County and are based on those individuals seeking or receiving services or interviewed in camp sites, feeding sites, and other locations on one single day. An additional 654 individuals residing in the housing of others were not counted in these totals.

TOTAL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

	JANUARY 26, 2023	JANUARY 25, 2024	DIFFERENCE	%
ADULTS	194	157	(37)	-19%
CHILDREN	52	38	(14)	-27%
TOTAL	246	195	(51)	-21%

VETERAN STATUS

(self-reported and not verified during the PIT count)

VETERANS	12	6	(6)	-50%	
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2024 SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED

	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
ADULTS	25	132	157
CHILDREN	20	18	38
TOTAL	45	150	195

AGENCIES PROVIDING DATA

UNSHELTERED: MARTIN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL, MC SALVATION ARMY, CAREERSOURCE, RITELIFE, HOUSE OF HOPE, LOVE AND HOPE IN ACTION, TENT CITY HELPERS

SHELTERED: COMPASSION HOUSE, SAFESPACE

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2023 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FISCAL YEAR 10/1/23 - 9/30/24

This CAPER is being submitted by the City of Port St. Lucie for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant number (B23MC120038) and covers the period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The City of Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Department prepared this report. If you should have any questions or require further information regarding this report, please contact Alessandra "Alex" Tasca at 772-344-4084.

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