



Palm Bay Housing and Community Development Grants Workshop

Palm Bay, FL - On Wednesday evening, November 7th, the City of Palm Bay held a special Council Workshop to discuss the City's housing and community development grant programs. Growth Management Director Derek Burr and Community Development Administrator Nancy Jewell were on hand at the meeting to discuss the efforts made by the Growth Management Department to ensure that all of Palm Bay's housing and community development grant statuses were determined to be in good standing by their respective governing bodies.

Since joining the City earlier this year, Nancy Jewell has performed a comprehensive internal review of Palm Bay's housing and community development grant programs. Following her assessment Ms. Jewell presented City Council with a comprehensive look at the history and current standing of Palm Bay's various grant programs under the purview of the Growth Management Department. The presentation outlined how existing issues were appraised and attended to, and provided updates on the status of the City's grant programs.

Notable Highlights:

- The City of Palm Bay is now in full compliance with HUD CDBG regulations, including over \$800,000 for Parks projects to be completed in the next year and \$457,000 allocated for acquisition and pre-development activities for construction of a new fire station in Northeast Palm Bay. Additionally, there is \$105,500 allocated this year to non-profits serving the low and moderate-income households in the City.
- The City of Palm Bay is now in full compliance with its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, including an allocation of \$190,000 to Habitat for Humanity for three homes and \$65,000 available for down payment assistance.

- The City anticipates a return to compliance with the SHIP program and the return of unencumbered funds, as well as return to regular disbursement of current SHIP allocations. Upon confirmation of compliance, the City of Palm Bay anticipates \$2.3 million dollars in SHIP funding.

The full presentation from the special Council Workshop on housing and community development grants has been posted to the City's website and can be accessed on our Growth Management homepage or by clicking [here](#).