

INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS

CCRT and GTAC Coordination

The OCR facilitates, and collaborates with other County Departments on, the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) and Glades Technical Advisory Committee.

The CCRT was created to coordinate stabilization/revitalization activities in designated Palm Beach County neighborhoods.

The CCRT meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Vista Center, in West Palm Beach, and focuses on eastern Palm Beach County. GTAC, which focuses on the Glades communities, meets the third Thursday of every month rotating locations in Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, and Canal Point.

Regularly scheduled meetings allow County departments and residents to exchange information about what departments are doing, receive input from the residents, prevent duplication, concentrate efforts at the same time, and determine what is working and what is not.

Abundant Community Initiative (ACI)

A neighborhood engagement and community organizing framework that provides tools for neighbors to get to know and connect with each other at the block level, shape community life according to residents' vision for their neighborhood, build community identity and pride through shared ownership and responsibility, increase safety and neighborhood wellbeing, and foster an environment of care for one another. The overall goal of the initiative is to help communities to be places where people know their neighbors, watch out for each other, and enjoy many opportunities for social, educational and recreational interaction.

Back to School PBC!

Provides free backpacks and school supplies to Palm Beach County students in need from Pre-K through 12th grade enrolled in the public or charter school system. Participating students also receive free school physicals, immunizations, and haircuts to ensure they are ready for the first day of school. In addition, it provides families with exposure to other community resources to help them on their road to self-sufficiency and improve their children's success in school.

Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program

Provides funding to neighborhood based groups and/or organizations for projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. The NEAT Grants Program enables residents to develop small collaborative community projects and see their ideas through to completion. Grants may be used for a wide variety of activities and projects, and resident groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their communities and with whom they might partner. NEAT grants are intended to build the skills and capacity of project leaders to transform their neighborhoods

Neighborhood Street Lighting (NSL) Program

Provides funding for the installation and maintenance of citizen petitioned streetlights at approved locations along County owned and maintained roadways in designated CCRT areas that experience above-average nighttime criminal activity, as well as unsafe pedestrian and vehicular mobility conditions.

Neighborhood Speed Hump Program

Provides funding for the installation and maintenance of citizen petitioned speed humps at approved locations along County owned and maintained roadways within CCRT areas to improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Resident Empowerment Program (REP)

A hands-on educational course on community revitalization and civic engagement, intended to help community residents to be better informed about local government, as well as learn how to communicate effectively, recruit and retain volunteers, keep communities safe, leveraging community assets, resolve problems and access resources.



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One Neighborhood
At A Time



WHO WE ARE

The mission of the OCR is to strengthen and improve Palm Beach County neighborhoods by engaging citizens' participation, enhancing governmental response to community needs, and providing education, technical and financial assistance to help residents plan and implement sustainable neighborhood improvements.

The OCR offers a wide variety of services and programs to assist residents in effectively accessing and utilizing County services and resources, and enabling them to manage community related issues and reverse community decline.



WHAT WE DO

The Office of Community Revitalization:

- Facilitates and coordinates community revitalization initiatives within designated residential neighborhoods in unincorporated Palm Beach County
- Recommends to the Board of County Commissioners where to allocate general funds which are used in partnership with funding from other County departments and agencies to initiate and complete neighborhood improvement projects
- Works with other departments in the review of annexations and development proposals for consistency with community revitalization goals
- Organizes and facilitates neighborhood meetings and visioning workshops, and helps prepare neighborhood plans
- Identifies as well as procures funding for neighborhood improvement projects
- Prepares and distributes neighborhood news and information to residents on workshops, neighborhood conferences, and other community resources
- Helps neighborhood groups in the development of neighborhood association websites
- Facilitates neighborhood improvements and sustainable community initiatives through leadership development training, grant programs, resource referral, and technical assistance to neighborhood, groups, leaders and volunteers
- Addresses community problems by working with citizens to identify solutions and improve service delivery

HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

The Office of Community Revitalization Can Help Your Neighborhood By:

- Being the point of contact at the County to help your neighborhood get the answers it needs
- Assisting in identifying resources to help your neighborhood take on projects and tackle issues
- Providing opportunities for your neighborhood to network and share information with other neighborhood groups and organizations
- Guiding you in the formation of a neighborhood association or re-energizing an existing one
- Providing technical assistance to apply for a grant for neighborhood projects
- Sharing news and program information of interest to your neighborhood on an ongoing basis

"It is our responsibility to identify those areas which are in need, and to provide the financial and technical resources necessary for those communities to dictate their own path to revitalization."

The OCR