

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 12, 2021 Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: Housing and Economic Sustainability

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

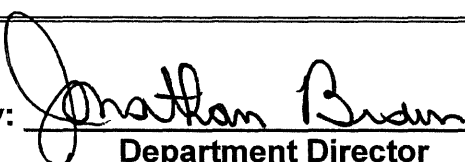
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to Receive and File: the 2020 Crime Statistics Report for the Palm Beach County Urban High-Crime Job Tax Credit (UJTC) Program and the UJTC Re-ranking Status Letter/Program.

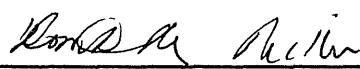
Summary: Palm Beach County has participated in the UJTC Program since 1999. The County is required by the Florida Legislature to triennially prepare and submit the Crime Statistics Report to the State for review. The UJTC Program is an incentive for eligible businesses located within one of the 13 State designated urban high-crime areas to create new jobs. The Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability coordinated with the Sheriff's Office, Delray Police Department, Riviera Beach Police Department and West Palm Beach Police Department to finalize the statistics for the 2019 report. The 2020 Crime Statistics Report was executed on August 3, 2020 by the County Administrator under authority delegated by Agenda Item 31-A of March 10, 2015, and was provided to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The report includes the crime volume and number of arrests that took place for various crimes within the UJTC area during the 2019 calendar year. Upon review of the 2020 Crime Statistics Report, due to a reduction in crime the State again ranked the County UJTC a Tier 2, allowing eligible businesses to receive State tax credits of \$1,000 per qualified job. The ranking of the UJTC is prioritized based on the following criteria: Highest arrest rates within the geographic area for violent crime and for such other crimes as drug sales, drug possession, prostitution, vandalism, and civil disturbances; Highest reported crime volume and rate of specific property crimes such as business and residential burglary, motor vehicle theft, and vandalism; Highest percentage of reported index crimes that are violent in nature; Highest overall index crime volume for the area; and Highest overall index crime rate for the geographic area. This ranking will become effective on January 1, 2021, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2023. Districts 2 & 7 (DB)

Background and Justification: On April 21, 1998, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted a Resolution (R98-553) authorizing the nomination and submittal of a UJTC Program application to DEO. The County's UJTC area consists of portions of the municipalities of Delray Beach, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach and the unincorporated area of Westgate/Belvedere Homes. The County is required to update its crime statistics every third year. On January 23, 2018, the BCC received and filed the 2017 Crime Statistics Report for Palm Beach County. On March 10, 2015, the BCC received and filed (R2015-0298) the 2014 Crime Statistics Report, ratified the Mayor's signature on the 2014 Crime Statistics Report and authorized the County Administrator, or designee, to execute future UJTC Program reports and all related amendments and documents. From 1998 to 2017, Palm Beach County's UJTC area was ranked as Tier 1, which allowed businesses to receive State tax credits of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per qualified job. In 2018, the crime statistics improved and the County ranked as a Tier 2 allowing businesses to receive tax credits of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per qualified job. Businesses may take the tax credits against either Florida Corporate Income Tax or the Florida Sales and Use Tax. From 2009 to 2019, the County's UJTC Program provided tax credits in the amount of \$3,096,000 for the creation of 2,064 jobs.

Attachment(s):

1. UJTC Program 2020 Crime Statistics Report
2. UJTC Re-ranking Status Letter/Program

Recommended By:  11/19/2020
 Department Director **Date**

Approved By:  12/8/2020
 Assistant County Administrator **Date**

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
 Does this Item include the use of Federal funds? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.:

Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program Code/Period _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:


 Beverley Reid, Fiscal Manager I

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Rebecca Kew 11/24/2020
 OFMB 2/11/21
 2/11/24

Ann J. Jacobus 12/18/2020
 Contract Development and Control
 12-17-20 710

B. Legal Sufficiency:

RL 12/18/2020
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

JURISDICTION: PALM BEACH COUNTY	
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL: DAVE KERNER	TITLE: MAYOR
MAILING ADDRESS: GOVERNMENTAL CENTER 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, 12TH FL WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401	PHONE NUMBER: 561-355-2203 E-MAIL ADDRESS: DKERNER@PBCGOV.ORG
PROGRAM CONTACT PERSON: MERI WEYMER	TITLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS INVESTMENT MANAGER
MAILING ADDRESS: 100 AUSTRALIAN AVENUE SUITE 500 WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406	PHONE NUMBER: 561-233-3678 E-MAIL ADDRESS: MWEYMER@PBCGOV.ORG

DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS

The unit of local government that has a designated Urban High-Crime Area within its jurisdiction is required to provide crime statistics every three years for their designated area.

These updated crime statistics must include the most current data using the definitions specified by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program compiled by the governing body's law enforcement department.

**DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS:
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

(Make additional copies if the designated area is located within more than one jurisdiction.)

JURISDICTION:	Unincorporated Palm Beach County, Delray Beach, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach & West Palm Beach	
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	67,795 (US Census 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates)	
SOURCE OF DATA:	County & Municipal Uniform Crime Reports	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	See individual jurisdiction sheets.	
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019	To: 12-31-2019

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART I**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	805	Aggravated Assault	295
Murder	12	Murder	3
Rape	58	Rape	6
Robbery	243	Robbery	55
TOTAL	1,118	TOTAL	359


**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART II**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	60	Arson	2
Burglary	704	Burglary	78
Destruction/Damage	784	Destruction/Damage	63
Drug Crimes	567	Drug Crimes	669
Fraud	483	Fraud	64
Larceny	2,305	Larceny	313
Motor Vehicle Theft	332	Motor Vehicle Theft	57
Prostitution	13	Prostitution	11
TOTAL	5,248	TOTAL	1,257

REQUEST PACKAGE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the designated area that I represent meets all eligibility requirements and that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a. the information in this request package is true and correct; and
- b. the governing body has previously nominated the area.

UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
JURISDICTION: PALM BEACH COUNTY	
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: NAME: VERDENIA C. BAKER TITLE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	SIGNATURE:  <hr/> DATE: 8/3/2022

**DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS: CALENDAR YEAR
2019**

(Make additional copies if the designated area is located within more than one jurisdiction.)

JURISDICTION:	City of Delray Beach	
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 6,084 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates)	
SOURCE OF DATA:	ONESolution RMS	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	PINS Supervisor Katlyn Dill	
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019	To: 12-31-2019

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART I**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	44	Aggravated Assault	36
Murder	0	Murder	0
Rape	3	Rape	4
Robbery	8	Robbery	4
TOTAL	55	TOTAL	44

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART II**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	0	Arson	0
Burglary	36	Burglary	12
Destruction/Damage	55	Destruction/Damage	4
Drug Crimes	148	Drug Crimes	187
Fraud	31	Fraud	2
Larceny	142	Larceny	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	Motor Vehicle Theft	10
Prostitution	0	Prostitution	0
TOTAL	434	TOTAL	233

**DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS:
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

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JURISDICTION:	Town of Lake Park (District 10)
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 1,578 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates)
SOURCE OF DATA:	2019 FDLE UCR Reports, P1/CADs
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Raba
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019 To: 12-31-2019

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART I**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	45	Aggravated Assault	13
Murder	2	Murder	1
Rape	7	Rape	0
Robbery	32	Robbery	24
TOTAL	86	TOTAL	38

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART II**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson (CADs)	11	Arson	1
Burglary	40	Burglary	14
Destruction/Damage (CADs)	60	Destruction/Damage	0
Drug Crimes (CADs)	44	Drug Crimes	65
Fraud (CADs)	62	Fraud	4
Larceny	605	Larceny	145
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	Motor Vehicle Theft	5
Prostitution (CADs)	0	Prostitution	0
TOTAL	877	TOTAL	234

**DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS:
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

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JURISDICTION:	Town of Mangonia Park (District 2)
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 2,230 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates)
SOURCE OF DATA:	2019 FDLE UCR Reports, P1/CADs
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Raba
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019 To: 12-31-2019

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART I**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	19	Aggravated Assault	8
Murder	0	Murder	1
Rape	3	Rape	0
Robbery	11	Robbery	3
TOTAL	33	TOTAL	12

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART II**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson (CADs)	5	Arson	0
Burglary	10	Burglary	2
Destruction/Damage (CADs)	22	Destruction/Damage	0
Drug Crimes (CADs)	22	Drug Crimes	32
Fraud (CADs)	20	Fraud	3
Larceny	160	Larceny	16
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Prostitution (CADs)	1	Prostitution	2
TOTAL	247	TOTAL	58

DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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JURISDICTION:	Riviera Beach	
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 14,512 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates)	
SOURCE OF DATA:	RBPD RMS, FDLE, FBI	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Morgan Campen, Crime Analyst II - RBPD	
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019	To: 12-31-2019

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	120	Aggravated Assault	48
Murder	4	Murder	0
Rape	9	Rape	0
Robbery	30	Robbery	6
TOTAL	163	TOTAL	54

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART II

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	5	Arson	0
Burglary	81	Burglary	8
Destruction/Damage	332	Destruction/Damage	29
Drug Crimes	83	Drug Crimes	79
Fraud	84	Fraud	13
Larceny	503	Larceny	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	64	Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Prostitution	0	Prostitution	0
TOTAL	1,152	TOTAL	159

**DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS:
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

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JURISDICTION:	City of West Palm Beach	
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 12,676 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates)	
SOURCE OF DATA:	ArcMap/CrimeView	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Janet Fairchild, Crime Analyst	
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019	To: 12-31-2019

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART I**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	116	Aggravated Assault	55
Murder	5	Murder	1
Rape	13	Rape	1
Robbery	100	Robbery	17
TOTAL	234	TOTAL	74

**DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS
PART II**

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	6	Arson	1
Burglary	123	Burglary	24
Destruction/Damage	138	Destruction/Damage	21
Drug Crimes	166	Drug Crimes	214
Fraud	96	Fraud	14
Larceny	614	Larceny	103
Motor Vehicle Theft	83	Motor Vehicle Theft	33
Prostitution	12	Prostitution	9
TOTAL	1238	TOTAL	419

DESIGNATED AREA'S CRIME STATISTICS: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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JURISDICTION:	Unincorporated West Palm Beach (shape file we created based on provided map)
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2019:	Population 30,715 (U.S. Census 2014-2018 5-Yr. Estimates)
SOURCE OF DATA:	I/CAD's via Crimeview Desktop
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Raba
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2019 To: 12-31-2019

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault (CADs)	461	Aggravated Assault (CADs)	135
Murder (CADs)	1	Murder (CADs)	0
Rape (CADs)	23	Rape (CADs)	1
Robbery (CADs)	62	Robbery (CADs)	1
TOTAL	547	TOTAL	137

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART II

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson (CADs)	33	Arson (CADs)	0
Burglary (CADs)	414	Burglary (CADs)	18
Destruction/Damage CADs)	177	Destruction/Damage (CADs)	9
Drug Crimes (CADs)	104	Drug Crimes (CADs)	92
Fraud (CADs)	190	Fraud (CADs)	28
Larceny (CADs)	281	Larceny (CADs)	3
Motor Vehicle Theft (CADs)	101	Motor Vehicle Theft (CADs)	4
Prostitution (CADs)	0	Prostitution (CADs)	0
TOTAL	1,300	TOTAL	154

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR



Dane Eagle
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 10, 2020

The Honorable Dave Kerner
Mayor
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 North Olive Avenue; 12th Floor
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Re: Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program Re-ranking Status

Dear Mayor Kerner:

The Division of Strategic Business Development of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") has concluded the re-ranking process required by section 212.097(1)(e) of the Florida Statutes. We are pleased to inform you that based on the 2020 Crime Statistics Request Package that was submitted by Palm Beach County and other information provided to us, we have determined that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners's Urban High-Crime Area UA-5001 shall be re-ranked as a Tier Two (II) Urban High-Crime Area.

This designation will provide qualified businesses that create a required number of new jobs within your Urban High-Crime Area the opportunity to apply for credits against their corporate income tax or sales tax obligations. The effective date of this designation will be January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. During the summer of 2023, we are scheduled to conduct another re-ranking process of the thirteen designated Urban High-Crime Areas.

We hope the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program will enhance your economic development efforts within Palm Beach County. If you have any questions please call our Special Programs Manager, Burt Von Hoff, at (850) 717-8974.

Sincerely,

Jason Rojas,
Director of Strategic Business Development

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