Agenda Item #: **5A-**4

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024 [X] Consent [] Regular

[] Ordinance [] Public Hearing

Department: Department of Housing and Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: the 2023 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: 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. Palm Beach County has participated in the UJTC Program since 1999, and is required by the Florida Legislature to triennially prepare and submit the Crime Statistics Report to the State for review. Utilizing 2022 crime data collected from the Sheriff's Office, Delray Police Department, Riviera Beach Police Department and West Palm Beach Police Department, the Department of Housing and Economic Development prepared the 2023 report, which was executed on September 1, 2023 by the County Administrator under authority delegated by Agenda Item 3I-4 of March 10, 2015, and provided to the Florida Department of Commerce. Upon review of the 2023 Crime Statistics Report, the State re-ranked the County UJTC as a Tier 1, allowing eligible businesses to receive State tax credits of \$1,500 to \$2,000 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 sale, 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 became effective on January 1, 2024, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2026. Districts 2 & 7 (DB)

Background and Justification: On April 21, 1998, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 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 March 10, 2015, the Board 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, which allowed businesses to receive tax credits of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per qualified job. In 2023, the County ranked as a Tier 1, allowing businesses to receive State tax credits of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per qualified job. Businesses may take the tax credits against either Florida Corporate Income Tax or the Florida Sales and Use Tax.

Attachments:

UJTC Program 2023 Crime Statistics Report
 UJTC Re-ranking Status Letter/Program

Recommended By:

Department Director

Approved By:

Assistant County Administrator

Date

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Years 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Capital Expenditures **Operating Costs** External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County) NET FISCAL IMPACT -0-# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _ Does this Item include the use of Federal funds? Yes ___ No Does this Item include the use of State funds? Yes **Budget Account No.:** Fund _____ Dept ____ Unit ____ Object ____ Program Code/Period _____ В. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. C. **Departmental Fiscal Review:** e, Division Director II Finance and Administrative Services, DHED III. REVIEW COMMENTS Α. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments: В. Legal Sufficiency: C. Other Department Review: **Department Director**

URBAN HIGH-CRIME AREA JOB TAX CREDIT PROGRAM 2023 CRIME STATISTICS REQUEST PACKAGE

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) has prepared this request package for existing designated areas that are required to submit updated crime statistics every three years under the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program (s. 212.097, Florida Statutes). We are requesting to receive annual crime statistics for <u>Calendar Year 2022</u>.

This request for updated crime statistics is made pursuant to subsection 212.097(1)(e). FS., that reads:

"Qualified high-crime area" means an area selected by the Department of Commerce in the following manner: every third year, the Department of Commerce shall rank and tier those areas nominated under subsection (7), according to the following prioritized criteria:

- Highest arrest rates within the geographic area for violent crime and for such other crimes as drug sale, drug possession, prostitution, vandalism, and civil disturbances;
- 2. Highest reported crime volume and rate of specific property crimes such as business and residential burglary, motor vehicle theft, and vandalism;
- 3. Highest percentage of reported index crimes that are violent in nature;
- 4. Highest overall index crime volume for the area; and
- 5. Highest overall index crime rate for the geographic area.

Tier-one areas are ranked 1 through 5 and represent the highest crime areas according to this ranking. Tier-two areas are ranked 6 through 10 according to this ranking. Tier-three areas are ranked 11 through 13.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2023

All request packages must be received by FloridaCommerce <u>prior</u> to 5:00 pm, Thursday, <u>August 31, 2023</u>. Request packages received after this date and time may affect the future rank and tier of an Urban High-Crime Area.

The original request package must be submitted to:

BIANCA RUBIO
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
107 EAST MADISON STREET; MSC 80
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Bianca Rubio at 407-280-9060 or at Bianca. Rubio@commerce.fl.gov

UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

JURISDICTION:		
PALM BEACH COUNTY		
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL:	TITLE:	
GREGG K. WEISS	MAYOR	
MAILING ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:	
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, 12 TH FL WEST PALM BEACH	561-355-2202 E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
FL 33401	GWEISS@PBCGOV.ORG	
PROGRAM CONTACT PERSON:	TITLE:	
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
MERI WEYMER	DIRECTOR, HED	
MAILING ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:	
100 Australian Ave.	561-233-3675	
SUITE 500		
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406	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.

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

HIRISDICTION	Unincorporated Palm Beach County, Delra Lake Park, Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach	ay Beach,
JUNISHICITON.	Lake Park, Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach	& City of
	West Palm Beach	
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED	73,874 US Census Bureau (2021) America	an Community
AREA AS OF 12/31/2022:	Survey 5-year Estimates	
	County and Municipal Uniform Crime Re	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	See Individual Jurisdiction sheets attached	to this report
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022 To: 12-3	31-2022

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	1,586	Aggravated Assault	761
Murder	34	Murder	21
Rape	139	Rape	28
Robbery	609	Robbery	90
TOTAL	2,365	TOTAL	900

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE NUME	
Arson	11	Arson	0
Burglary	1,132	Burglary	193
Destruction/Damage	858	Destruction/Damage	111
Drug Crimes	492	Drug Crimes	436
Fraud	994	Fraud	49
Larceny	3,479	Larceny	441
Motor Vehicle Theft	633	Motor Vehicle Theft	56
Prostitution	40	Prostitution	37
TOTAL	7,639	TOTAL	1,323

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		
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC	SIGNATURE:	
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:	Jonathan Brown	
Name: Jonathan Brown	DATE: 9 1 2023	
TITLE: DIRECTOR		

Individual Reports

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

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JURISDICTION:	City of Delray Beach
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2022:	Population 6,715 U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey 5-year estimates.
SOURCE OF DATA:	One Solution Records Management System
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Records Supervisor Kimberly Drinkwater
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022 To: 12-31-2022

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	. 58	Aggravated Assault	26 _
Murder	0	Murder	0
Rape	6	Rape	1
Robbery	12	Robbery	4
TOTAL	76	TOTAL	31

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	0	Arson	0
Burglary	172	Burglary	21
Destruction/Damage	64	Destruction/Damage	6
Drug Crimes	97	Drug Crimes	102
Fraud	38	Fraud	0
Larceny	154	Larceny	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Prostitution	0	Prostitution	0
TOTAL	545	TOTAL	142

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HIDISDICTION.	Town of Mangonia Park – D	District 2
JURISDICTION.		
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED	Population 1,998 (U.S. Census	Bureau (2021). American Community
	Survey 5-year estimates.)	
SOUDCE OF DATA.	2022 FDLE UCR Reports, P1/CADS via CrimeView	
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DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Ra	lba
DATA CONTACT PERSON:		
DEDIOD COVEDED.	- 01 01 2022	_ 12 21 2022
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022	то: 12-31-2022

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	29	Aggravated Assault	13
Murder	0	Murder	1
Rape	3	Rape	0
Robbery	7	Robbery	2
TOTAL	39	TOTAL	16

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	1	Arson (CADs)	0
Burglary	13	Burglary	2
Destruction/Damage	23	Destruction/Damage (CADs)	3
(CADs)			
Drug Crimes (CADs)	15	Drug Crimes (CADs)	5
Fraud (CADs)	24	Fraud (CADs)	0
Larceny	112	Larceny	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	Motor Vehicle Theft	4
Prostitution (CADs)	0	Prostitution (CADs)	0
TOTAL	204	TOTAL	31

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JURISDICTION:	Town of Lake Park – (shape file we created based on provided map)	
	Population 1,876 (U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey 5-year estimates.)	
	P1/CADS via CrimeView Desktop	
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Raba	
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022 To: 12-31-2022	

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE NUMBER		OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault (CADs)	57	Aggravated Assault	12
		(CADs)	
Murder (CADs)	0	Murder (CADs)	0
Rape (CADs)	0	Rape (CADs)	0
Robbery (CADs)	7	Robbery (CADs)	1
TOTAL	64	TOTAL	13

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson (CADs)	0	Arson (CADs)	0
Burglary (CADs)	52	Burglary (CADs)	6
Destruction/Damage (CADs)	21	Destruction/Damage	0
		(CADs)	
Drug Crimes (CADs)	7	Drug Crimes (CADs)	5
Fraud (CADs)	17	Fraud (CADs)	0
Larceny (CADs)	78	Larceny (CADs)	10
Motor Vehicle Theft (CADs)	20	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
		(CADs)	
Prostitution (CADs)	0	Prostitution (CADs)	0
TOTAL	195	TOTAL	22

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JURISDICTION:	Unincorporated WPB (shape file we created based on		
	provided map)		
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED	Population 29,287 (U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community		
	Survey 5-year estimates.)		
	P1/CADS via CrimeView Desktop		
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Section Manager Charity Raba		
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022 To: 12-31-2022		

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE NUMBER		OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault (CADs)	410	Aggravated Assault	25
		(CADs)	
Murder (CADs)	4	Murder (CADs)	1
Rape (CADs)	22	Rape (CADs)	1
Robbery (CADs)	54	Robbery (CADs)	2
TOTAL	490	TOTAL	29

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson (CADs)	2	Arson (CADs)	0
Burglary (CADs)	228	Burglary (CADs)	16
Destruction/Damage (CADs)	114	Destruction/Damage	7
		(CADs)	
Drug Crimes (CADs)	38	Drug Crimes (CADs)	19
Fraud (CADs)	158	Fraud (CADs)	2
Larceny (CADs)	182	Larceny (CADs)	4
Motor Vehicle Theft (CADs)	95	Motor Vehicle Theft	7
		(CADs)	
Prostitution (CADs)	0	Prostitution (CADs)	0
TOTAL	817	TOTAL	55

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JURISDICTION:	City of Riviera Beach		
	Population 18,564 U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey 5-year estimates.		
	RBPD RMS, FDLE, FBI		
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Morgan Campen, Crime Analyst II		
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022	то: 12-31-2022	

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE NUMBER		OFFENSE	NUMBER
Aggravated Assault	527	Aggravated Assault	384
Murder	6	Murder	2
Rape	22	Rape	8
Robbery	27	Robbery	11
TOTAL	582	TOTAL	405

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	OFFENSE	NUMBER
Arson	1	Arson	0
Burglary	204	Burglary	27
Destruction/Damage	164	Destruction/Damage	34
Drug Crimes	12	Drug Crimes	7
Fraud	46	Fraud	13
Larceny	291	Larceny	26
Motor Vehicle Theft	65	Motor Vehicle Theft	10
Prostitution	0	Prostitution	0
TOTAL	783	TOTAL	117

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JURISDICTION:	City of West Palm Beach		
POPULATION OF DESIGNATED AREA AS OF 12/31/2022:	Population 15,435 U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey 5-year estimates.		
SOURCE OF DATA:			
DATA CONTACT PERSON:	Michelle Pearce – Records Supervisor		
PERIOD COVERED:	From: 01-01-2022	то: 12-31-2022	

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART I

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	BER OFFENSE NUI	
Aggravated Assault	502	Aggravated Assault	269
Murder	24	Murder	17
Rape	86	Rape	13
Robbery	502	Robbery	62
TOTAL	1,114	TOTAL	361

DESIGNATED AREA CRIME STATISTICS PART II

CRIME VOLUME		ARREST VOLUME	
OFFENSE	NUMBER	R OFFENSE NUM	
Arson	7	Arson	0
Burglary	463	Burglary	121
Destruction/Damage	472	Destruction/Damage	61
Drug Crimes	323	Drug Crimes	298
Fraud	711	Fraud	34
Larceny	2662	Larceny	374
Motor Vehicle Theft	417	Motor Vehicle Theft	31
Prostitution	40	Prostitution	37
TOTAL	5095	TOTAL	956

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December 13, 2023

The Honorable Gregg K. Weiss Mayor Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 301 North Olive Avenue; 12th Floor West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Re: <u>Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program Re-Ranking Status</u>

Dear Mayor Weiss:

The Florida Department of Commerce's Division of Economic Development has concluded the re-ranking process required by section 212.097(1)(e), Florida Statutes. We are pleased to inform you that based on the 2023 Crime Statistics Request Package that was submitted by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 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 **One (I)** 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, 2024, through December 31, 2026. During the summer of 2026, 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 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. If you have any questions please call our Senior Analyst, Bianca Rubio, at (407) 280-9060.

Sincerely,

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TJ Villamil, Deputy Secretary Division of Economic Development