#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date:	June 3, 2025	[X] Consent [ ] Workshop	[ ] Regular [ ] Public Hearing
Department:	Office of Financial M	Ianagement and Budget	
Submitted By:	Office of Financial M	Ianagement and Budget	
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Financial Statemen	Staff recommends m ts for the Fiscal Year e elopment Agency (BB Cl	nding September 30, 202	<b>le:</b> The Annual Report an 24 from the Boynton Beac
Summary: The BB Year ending Septe Countywide (DB).	CRA has submitted its a cember 30, 2024 as pe	Annual Report and Financer section number 163.3	cial Statements for the Fisca 387(6)(b), Florida Statutes
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#### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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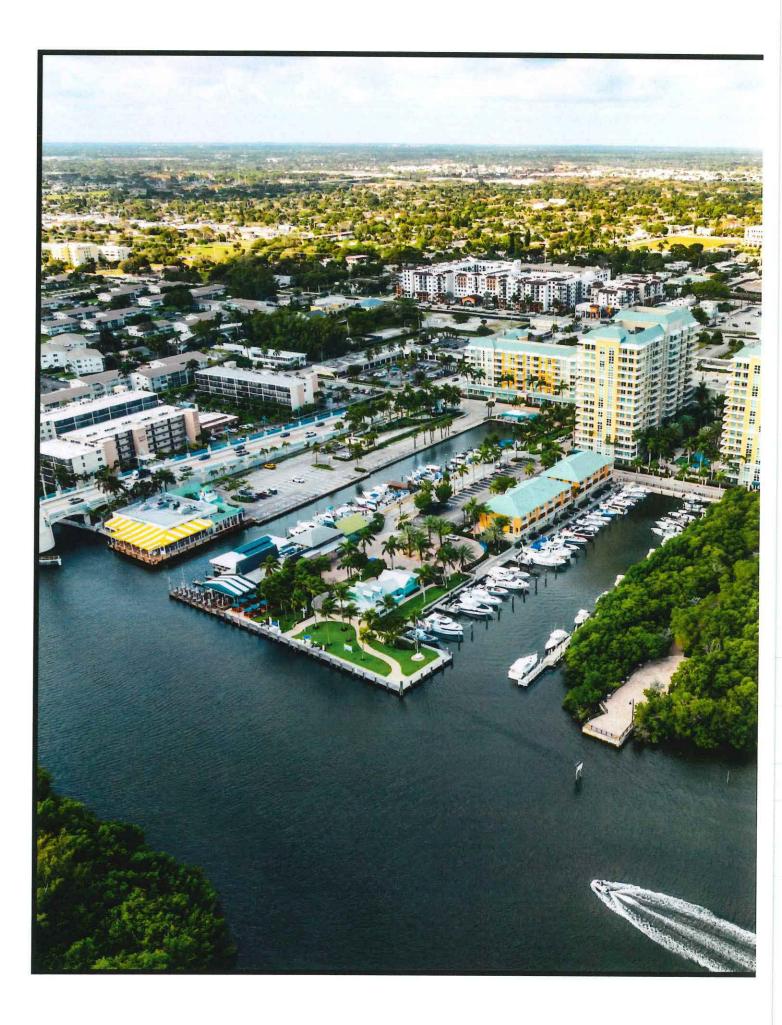
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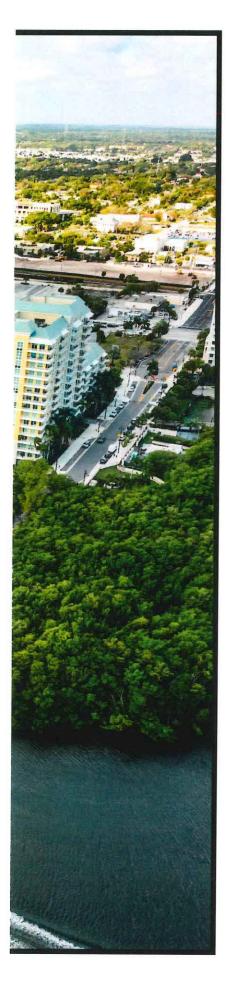
# BOYNTON BEAGH

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024





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### **BBCRA BOARD**



Ty Penserga BOARD CHAIR

"As Mayor for the great City of Boynton Beach, I commend the BBCRA for its innovative approach to revitalizing the community. Over the years, the BBCRA's commitment to redevelopment has breathed new life into the community by creating new opportunities for business owners and its residents. Our coastal community is thriving and the BBCRA plays an integral part in that success with its business grant funding, community police programming, affordable on-demand rideshare service, and creative funding solutions to incentivize larger redevelopment projects. The BBCRA remains dedicated to its mission for a vibrant downtown and I look forward to celebrating our continued success!"

Ty Penserga Board Chair, Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Mayor, City of Boynton Beach



Aimee Kelley VICE CHAIR



Thomas Turkin BOARD MEMBER



Woodrow Hay BOARD MEMBER



Angela Cruz BOARD MEMBER

CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS: Chair: Naomi Cobb; Vice Chair: Courtlandt McQuire Board Members: Lesha Roundtree, Alexandria Lopresto, Chevette Gadson, Thomas Ramiccio, Kameren Maharaj



### How the BBCRA Works



#### WHO WE ARE

The BBCRA is a special district established by the City of Boynton Beach and led by the BBCRA Board (which includes the Mayor and City Commissioners). Our mission is to revitalize areas in need of a boost and help the community thrive!

#### WHY WE WERE CREATED

Cities can designate areas as Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) when they show signs of decline—like outdated buildings, limited affordable housing, or lack of infrastructure. Since our establishment in 1982, the BBCRA has been committed to revitalizing eastern Boynton Beach.



#### **HOW WE ARE FUNDED**

Here's the best part—property owners don't pay extra taxes! Instead, a portion of existing city and county property taxes collected within the BBCRA area is redirected toward redevelopment efforts. As property values grow, so does our ability to fund impactful projects!

#### WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

The BBCRA area covers 1,650 acres along Boynton Beach's eastern edge, comprised of six special districts: Industrial Craft District, Boynton Beach Boulevard, Heart of Boynton, Cultural, Downtown, and Federal Highway.

#### WHAT WE DO



The BBCRA takes action to revitalize and reimagine Boynton Beach! Through redevelopment plans and strategic projects, we: Improve streetscapes, offer special promotional incentives and grant funding to small businesses, develop affordable housing, revamp blighted areas, support innovative community policing initiatives.

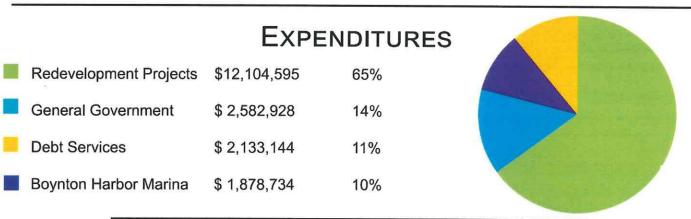
### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023-2024

The BBCRA is a quasi-governmental, special district operating under Title XI, Chapter 163, Part III of the Florida Statutes. The agency's annual financial operations run on a fiscal year calendar beginning on October 1st and ending on September 30th. The BBCRA is funded through tax increment revenues. Each year, a portion of the annual City and County property taxes collected are transferred to the BBCRA. The greater the increase in taxable property values over the CRA's base year (1982), the larger the incremental increase in revenues transferred to the BBCRA. Other sources of funding for redevelopment activities include the issuance of taxable and nontaxable bonds, marina revenue and grants.

The BBCRA's annual budget is comprised of three accounting funds: 1) the General Fund which contains the administrative, general operation, insurances, property maintenance and marina related items; 2) the Project Fund which contains all of the capital projects, development projects, property acquisitions, local business grant programs and promotional events, tax increment funding incentive agreements as well as the Neighborhood Officer Program; and 3) the Debt Service Fund which contains the BBCRA's financial debt obligations and encumbrances such as bond repayments. The BBCRA's tax increment revenues for the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget increased by approximately 11% resulting in approximately \$21.56 million. This resulted primarily from a 13.1% increase in property values from residential multi-family, condominiums, and commercial properties within the BBCRA area. For the 16th year in a row, the BBCRA received a clean audit for the financial operations of the agency.

Through prioritizing expenditures and long-range financial planning, the BBCRA area continues to see positive economic growth; and the agency continues to reinvest funding into capital projects in order to enhance the special district.





Financials from Fiscal Year 2023-2024
ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Total Assets: \$56,354,954

Total Liabilities: \$5,019,222

The BBCRA's financial statements may be obtained on our website at BoyntonBeachCRA.com; or contact Vicki Hill, BBCRA Finance Director, at HillV@bbfl.us or 561.600.9092

### PROJECT FUND ALLOCATIONS

### BBCRA PROJECT FUND FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

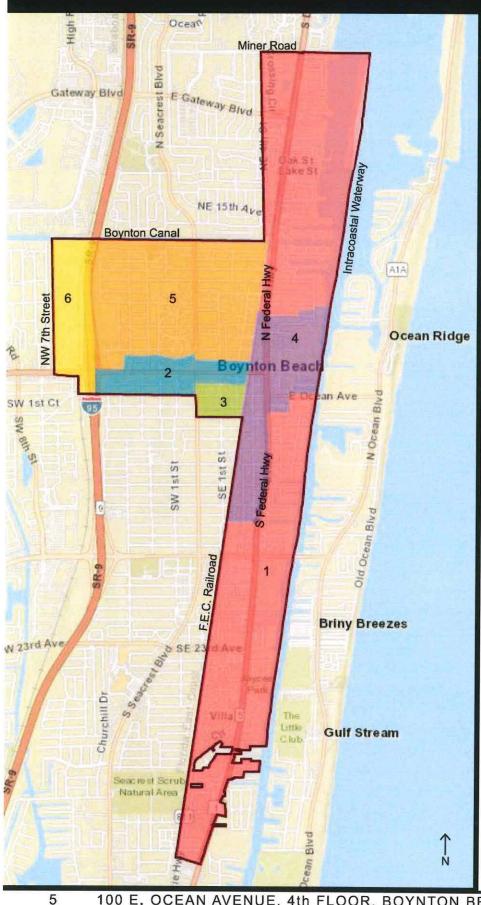
Town Square Project Funding	\$	3,550,000
Property Acquisition		4,000,000
Site Work & Demolition		300,000
BB Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project	\$	1,500,000
Joint Infrastructure Projects		550,000
Marina ERM Monitoring & Remediation	\$	306,513
Historic Woman's Club of BB Improvements		500,000
Marina Seawall	\$	500,000
Ride Share Program	\$	400,000
Economic Redevelopment Grants	\$	600,000
Commercial Exterior Improvement	\$	500,000
Business Development & Promotional Events	\$	574,000
Marketing - Business Assistance	\$	245,000
Neighborhood Officer Program	\$	695,000
Professional Development Services	\$	1,060,000
Development Project Related Legal Services	\$	250,000
Contingency	\$	200,000
Tax Increment Revenue Funding Agreements	\$	661,167
Master Interlocal Agreements	\$	800,000
Future Grocery Store District 2	\$	261,642
Local Storm Water Match	\$	250,000
Parking Garage	\$	1,385,825
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Total	\$	19,089,147



### ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES & TAX INCREMENT REVENUE

FISCAL YEAR	PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED VALUES WITHIN THE BBCRA AREA	PERCENTAGE (%) OF CHANGE	TAX INCREMENT REVENUE (TIF) USED FOR BBCRA BUDGET	PERCENTAGE (%) OF CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
Created 1983	\$13,630,912	•	-	Œ
FY 1989-1990	\$39,466,737	<b>*</b>	\$183,535	•
FY 1995-1996	\$73,498,930	439.2%	\$158,398	-13.7%
FY 2005-2006	\$827,149,288	1025.4%	\$6,076,347	3736.1%
FY 2015-2016	\$1,105,502,452	33.7%	\$9,585,902	58.8%
FY 2023-2024	\$2,160,552,336	13.1%	\$21,496,558	13%

### **BBCRA AREA MAP**



BBCRA Boundary

BBCRA Districts

Federal Highway
Boynton Beach
Boulevard
Cultural
Downtown
Heart of Boynton
Industrial Craft

1,650 Total BBCRA Acreage

### **DOWNTOWN DISTRICT**

### THE PIERCE

The Pierce mixed-use project located at 115 N. Federal Highway will soon be a place where people live, work, and play with walkable access to the beach, restaurants, transit, and cultural experiences. In August 2024, the Fort-Lauderdale based developer, Affiliated Development LLC, submitted its permit applications to the City's Building Department. The 3.04 acre project features 300 mixed-income apartments, approximately 17,000 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space along with 150 public parking spaces. In June 2022, the BBCRA Board entered into a Purchase & Development Agreement, a Tax Increment Revenue Financing



Agreement (TIRFA), and a Parking Lease Agreement for the BBCRA owned parcels. As part of the TIRFA, the developer will rent 50% of the apartments at 80%-120% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for a period of 15 years following the completion of the project. At the end of the 15-year term, 30% of the units will rent at the same AMI percentages for an additional 15 years. At the end of the 30-year term of affordability, 10% of the units will remain subject to the affordability requirements in perpetuity.

#### OCEAN ONE

The Downtown District continues to transform with the latest redevelopment project anticipated to break ground. The 3.5 acre site located at 114 – 222 N. Federal Highway has always been a key redevelopment site for the agency and community stakeholders and now we are one step closer to seeing shovels in the ground. The Ocean One project consists of 371 residential rental units and approximately 25,000 square feet of retail and commercial space. Ocean One will provide a place where people live, work and play in an environment that provides bikeable and walkable access to the beach, restaurants, transit, parks, and cultural experiences.

On May 14, 2024, the BBCRA Board approved a TIRFA with the developer, Hyperion Group LLC, for a maximum of \$9 million over a 12-year term. In return, Ocean One will provide 90 public parking spaces with 20 on-street public parking spaces in perpetuity with 20% of the parking revenue to be shared with the BBCRA. In August 2024, Ocean One submitted its permit application to the City's Building Department.



### DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

#### **BOYNTON HARBOR MARINA**

Since 2006, the BBCRA has been preserving local commercial marine businesses and providing public access to the waterfront through the acquisition of the Boynton Harbor Marina, which is owned and operated by the BBCRA. Over the past eighteen years the Boynton Harbor Marina has had three major renovations: the marina entry tower, the open green space/road improvement, and the dockmaster building/fuel dock. The marina is a recreational destination providing dining on the Intracoastal Waterway and various water related activities.



### COMMERCIAL MARINA BUSINESSES

#### **Fishing Charters**

Chip's Ahoy Charter 561.436.1417 ChipsAhoyCharters.com

Fish Envy 561.451.7646 BocaRatonFishingCharters.com

Ham'r Time Sport Fishing Charters 561.685.1207 HamrtimeCharters.com Miller Time Fishing Charters 561.732.3597 or 561.789.9376 MillertimeFishing.com

Phishunt Charters 919.417.3083 PhishuntCharters.com

Reel Time Fishing 877.733.5846 ReelTime.fishing

Frigate About It Charters 561.704.3226
Frigate About It Charters.com

#### **Boat Rentals**

Boynton Beach Boat Rentals 561.735.2149 BoyntonBoatRental.com

Gulfstream Boat Club 561.865.7797 GulfstreamBoatClub.com

Freedom Boat Club 561.952.1400 FreedomBoatClub.com

### DOWNTOWN DISTRICT



#### BOYNTON HARBOR MARINA FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The BBCRA owns and leases 19 marina slips to marine related commercial businesses such as: dive charters, fishing charters, jet ski, boat rentals, and pleasure cruise charters. The marina also features transient dockage for traveling boaters.

- · All slips were rented to tenants at \$20 per linear vessel foot plus utilities
- · Annual slip income = \$148,778
- Transient dockage = \$29,055

The Boynton Harbor Marina is a Certified ValvTect Marina carrying both "Non-Ethanol" Marine Gasoline & Marine Diesel with Bioguard Plus 6.

- Annual fuel sales = \$1,877,469,35
- 342,509.269 gallons of gasoline = \$1,629,735.75
- 61,582,977 gallons of diesel = \$247,743,60

To maintain marina operations, structures, and grounds, the following costs were allocated during the fiscal year:

- Staffing = \$240,105.75
- Security = \$32,872.29
- Annual Landscape Maintenance = \$38,895

#### Pleasure Cruises

Limbo Charters 561.735.1433 LimboCharters.com

Tiki Taxi & Cruises 772.521.0024 TikiTaxiandCruises.com

#### Drift Fishing

Seamist III 561.732.9974 SeaMist3.com

#### Scuba Diving Charters

Starfish Scuba 561,212,2954 StarfishScuba.com

Loggerhead Enterprise 561.588.8686 LoggerheadCharters.com

South Florida Diving Headquarters 954.783.2299 SouthFloridaDiving.com

#### Jet Ski Rentals

Boynton Beach Jet Ski Rental 561.735.2149 BoyntonBoatRentals.com

### **CULTURAL DISTRICT**

### THE VILLAGES

Redevelopment is on the rise in Boynton Beach with The Villages mixed-use project located at 405 E. Ocean Avenue. The property, which is approximately 3.37 acres, is owned by BB North, LLC and is slated for a mixed-use project including: 336 residential rental apartments, 668 parking spaces, 8,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, two plazas and a linear park along the railroad right-of-way that acts as a pedestrian connection between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue. At their November 21, 2024 meeting, the BBCRA Board approved a TIRFA in the amount of \$9.1 million. As part of the TIRFA, the developer will rent a 1,000 square foot neighborhood coffee shop at 50% market rental rate for 15 years, and provide 120 metered public parking spaces restricted for use by the public. The BBCRA will receive 30% of the parking revenue generated annually from the public parking spaces. The Villages will play an important role as a redevelopment catalyst for the Cultural District.









### BOYNTON BEACH BOULEVARD DISTRICT

#### **USPS DOWNTOWN STATION**

The BBCRA is excited to announce a new USPS Downtown Station is coming to eastern Boynton Beach. In partnership with Maple Tree Investments LLC and the United States Postal Service, a new 3,474 square foot postal retail center will be built on the BBCRA owned properties located at 401-411 E. Boynton Beach Boulevard. The BBCRA acquired the three parcels to spur redevelopment opportunities within the Boynton Beach Boulevard District in furtherance of the 2016 Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Plan. The current USPS location at 217 N. Seacrest Boulevard will provide an opportunity for future redevelopment at a predominant intersection in our downtown core. The project was formalized by a Purchase and Development Agreement by the BBCRA Board at their November 21, 2024 meeting.



### EAST BOYNTON BEACH BOULEVARD BEAUTIFICATION

A new and improved Boynton Beach Boulevard, (BBB) is on its way! With construction commencing in May 2024, the BBCRA looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors to eastern Boynton Beach along a new and improved corridor with widened sidewalks, a new pedestrian crosswalk, and resurfacing of the boulevard. The beautification project is a necessity to physically transform the entrance to the City's commercial core to a more welcoming downtown.

The funding for this project is a result of a combination of awarded grant funding and funds allocated in the budget. In September 2018, the BBCRA's and City's Transportation Planning Agency's (PBCTPA) Local Initiative (LI) Grant Program application for the BBB improvements was awarded \$2,232,414 in funding for the project, implementing Smart Growth principles by incorporating traffic calming measures and accommodating

various modes of transportation in the roadway design. The grant funds will pay for the basic roadway construction costs with the City and BBCRA paying for the streetscape enhancements above and beyond the basic elements such as decorative pavement and lighting. In April 2019, the BBCRA and City were also awarded \$631,530, from the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) for the design costs for the BBB improvements. FLAP funding supports connectivity and accessibility to federally funded lands, which in this case is the Intracoastal Waterway. The project will leverage multiple public funding sources resulting in improved connectivity and economic impact for the Boynton Harbor Marina, resulting in a more sustainable Downtown Boynton Beach, Design work for the project began in 2021 with PBCTPA LI construction funding availability in late 2023. The BBCRA approved up to \$250,000 in reimbursement to the City as a local match for the project's design cost and \$3.1 million in the fiscal year 2023-2024 to be used towards the project's construction.



### COTTAGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING

The 4.6-acre vacant parcel, known as the Cottage District, is located within the Heart of Boynton District and has always been a priority site for the construction of new for-sale affordable and workforce homes. The longstanding goal has been to leverage this publicly owned real estate asset to support the overall redevelopment of the Heart of Boynton community and surrounding area, to increase affordable home ownership opportunities for low and moderate income households, and to provide quality public enhancements that improve the economic, cultural, and aesthetic quality of life for residents of the community.

The BBCRA is proud to partner with Pulte Home Company, LLC. to bring one of the most anticipated projects out of the ground in 2025. In January 2023, the BBCRA entered into a Purchase and Development Agreement for the construction of 41



for-sale, owner occupied units (19 single-family detached units and 22 townhomes). Each unit will feature, at minimum, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and one-car garages ranging from 1,447 square feet to 1,822 square feet. The project will also include the addition of 181 new trees, a pocket park with walking path and street lighting.

In July 2024, permit applications were submitted to the City's Building Department for the units. This significant milestone marks the beginning of such a vital project in the fight for affordable home ownership in Boynton Beach. Stabilization of the community depends on investments from the community, the BBCRA, and private development as evident in the 2023 County's Economic Impact Study. In the study, it indicates a five-year economic impact of 147 direct and indirect jobs and \$14.36 million dollars as a result of the development.

All of the homes will be marketed and sold in accordance with the Palm Beach County's Workforce Housing Program to eligible households at the County's Low and Moderate Income Categories which is 60%-100% of the County's annually adjusted Area Median Income ranges. Construction is anticipated to be completed within two years of commencement of construction.







#### HEART OF BOYNTON VILLAGE APARTMENTS & SHOPS



The completion of the Heart of Boynton Village Apartments in July 2024 proved to be a huge win for the community as the project provided families and individuals access to quality affordable housing. Shortly after receiving its Certificate of Occupancy, all of the income restricted rental units were fully occupied to households below 70% of the Area Median Income.

The project began in September 2019 when the BBCRA entered into a Purchase and Development Agreement with Centennial Management Corp. (CMC) for the redevelopment project utilizing the BBCRA owned properties along the E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard corridor. The Heart of Boynton Village Apartments & Shops consists of 124 affordable multi-family rental units as well as 8,250 square feet of leasable neighborhood serving commercial space.

What makes the project possible is the public-private partnership. CMC was awarded approximately \$19,204,000 in funding from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's (FHFC) 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funding Program. In total, the BBCRA has committed approximately \$5 million towards the success of the project in addition to providing the land. The City and County were also important partners in this project as the City awarded \$500,000 of their American Rescue Plan Act funding to cover the increase in construction costs and the County provided \$1,499,500 in State Housing Initiative Partnerships Program funding and \$330,977 in impact fee credits to the project. This public-private partnership was essential to the success of the project and the local funding of nearly \$10.1 million kept the project on track when the developer was faced with an increase in post-pandemic construction costs.

Because the commercial component of the project known as the Heart of Boynton Shops plays a such vital role in activating the E. MLK Jr. Boulevard Corridor, the BBCRA committed \$2,300,815 towards the construction of some of the improvements to the commercial tenant spaces. This funding will help offset the initial build-out costs associated with the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and ADA accessible bathrooms in each tenant space and also includes the build-out for the 1,055 square foot Neighborhood Officer Program office. The other commercial uses consist of two restaurants, a dentist, an urgent care clinic, and two professional offices. As the commercial component of the project comes online in 2025, the mixed-use project will reactivate the once vibrant corridor and spur future redevelopment opportunities in the Heart of Boynton.



### MLK JR. BOULEVARD ENTRY FEATURE

Art in redevelopment has the power to connect, celebrate, and transform a community. The mural at the northwest corner of E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Federal Highway commemorates the Heart of Boynton community and its vibrant culture. The artwork, completed by muralist Craig McInnis, is the result of the City of Boynton Beach's Unity Project. But the transformation doesn't stop with the mural.

In March 2024, the BBCRA Board directed staff to pursue redevelopment of the vacant parcel located at 1101 N. Federal Highway which is adjacent to the mural. Due to the limited lot size, the parcel will transform into an entry feature for the Federal Highway and E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard intersection. Improvements of the site will include lighting, landscaping, art, and a small walking path which will enhance the beauty of the mural.

The BBCRA enlisted the services of AW Architects, Inc. to develop three conceptual designs for an entry feature which were presented to the BBCRA Board at the November 21, 2024 meeting.







### 402-404 N.W. 12TH AVENUE (WORKFORCE INFILL HOUSING)

The BBCRA acquired these two lots for the purpose of disposition for affordable and workforce housing. In July 2022, the BBCRA and the Boynton Beach Faith Based Community Development Corporation (CDC) entered into a Purchase and Development Agreement for the construction of a three-bedroom, two-bathroom single-family home with a one car garage. The CDC began the development review process in 2023 and when completed, the 1,771 square foot home will be made available to purchasers within the low to moderate income categories.

### FEDERAL HIGHWAY DISTRICT

### 1102-1110 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY

These adjoining properties are in a key location on the northeast corner of East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and North Federal Highway. For over a decade, the two properties housed two vacant buildings. In January 2021, the BBCRA entered into a Purchase and Development Agreement with the Boynton Beach Office Condominium, LLC to build a multi-tenant office building for a local radio station and a professional surveying and engineering office. The project is currently in the City's permitting process and construction is estimated to be completed within 12 months of building permit.





### **BBCRA/CITY JOINT PROJECTS**

Following the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget approval, the BBCRA and City entered into an Interlocal Agreement to provide BBCRA funding for design activities, materials and equipment, and installation costs associated with the physical improvements for specific projects as outlined in the BBCRA's Project Fund.



MLK JR. BLVD. STREETSCAPE \$800,000



US 1 BEAUTIFICATION
DESIGN
\$100,000



PENCE PARK RECONSTRUCTION \$400,000



HARVEY OYER PARK PIER SURVEY & DESIGN \$100,000



SENIOR CENTER RECONSTRUCTION \$100,000



JAYCEE PARK IMPROVEMENTS \$100,000



CENTENNIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT DESIGNS \$500,000



COTTAGE DISTRICT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS \$200,000



OCEAN AVENUE BRIDGE LIGHTING \$150,000

### NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER PROGRAM

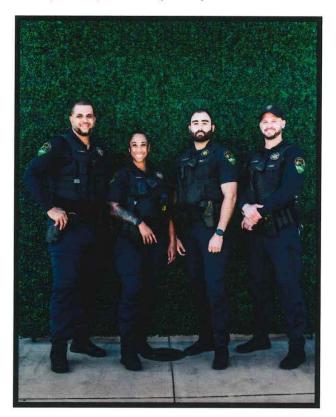
The Neighborhood Officer Program (NOP) was established in 2015, with the mission to develop mutual trust, understanding, and respect between law enforcement and the neighborhoods they serve. By embedding officers within the community, the program integrates adaptive leadership principles to address long-term challenges in an effort to create lasting positive change.

What started as a two-person unit, has grown into a team of four full-time officers that are dedicated to engaging the community within the BBCRA area. As of fiscal year 2023-2024, the unit includes Officer Heather Brown, Officer Nasim Davis, Officer Carlos Barrero, Officer Matthew Vasquez, and is overseen by Captain Steven Burdelski.

A key component of the NOP's success lies in its strong partnerships with local neighborhood organizations, churches, and businesses within the BBCRA area. These collaborations have led to innovative problem-solving strategies and meaningful relationships with community stakeholders. Through these efforts, the NOP has gained valuable insights into the challenges faced by residents and businesses, enabling officers to provide more effective and community-driven solutions. As a result, the program has earned the trust and respect of many individuals throughout its years of service.

In addition to its core initiatives, the NOP has actively engaged with the Heart of Boynton community by hosting job fairs aimed at connecting local residents with employment opportunities. Additionally, a variety of family-friendly events, such as a Field Day, Trunk or Treat, and Shop with a Cop were hosted to provide opportunities for youth to experience positive interactions with law enforcement while fostering a sense of community.

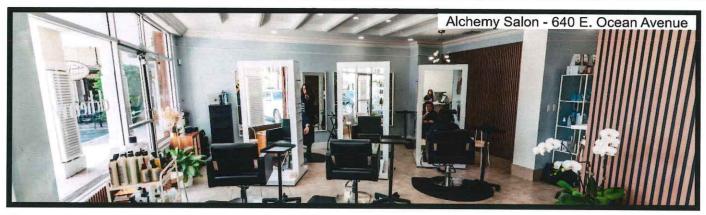
The NOP will have a new office incorporated into the Heart of Boynton Shops located on E. MLK Jr. Boulevard. The 1,055 square foot office will provide a welcoming space for community members and business owners to meet with the officers to discuss concerns and potential collaboratation on initiatives. It will also provide officers with a dedicated workspace to perform day-to-day tasks.







### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**



The BBCRA's Economic Development Grant Programs continued to spur redevelopment and activate vacant commercial spaces by assisting 20 new businesses and adding over 32,221 square feet of new retail, restaurant, industrial, and professional office space within the BBCRA area. Additionally, one commercial property owner completed facade improvements totaling over 1,638 square feet of commercial space. The BBCRA also awarded one business six months of additional rent reimbursement totaling \$7,500 per their fiscal year 2020-2021 Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant application. These grants, which act as 50% matching reimbursable grants continue to further the BBCRA's mission to activate vacant commercial space, create jobs, and develop a vibrant downtown.

### 21 GRANT RECIPIENTS

#### OFFICE & RETAIL

Agape Health & Wellness
Gillion & Co
Stoic Financial
Dimensional Health Care
JKen Boutique
Blueheart Adult Day Care Center
Gandhi Health & Wellness
Beach House Boutique
Appliance King of America

#### **SPECIALTY BUSINESS**

Trilogy Fitness & MMA Alchemy Salon

### FACADE IMPROVEMENT

Bi-Square Inc.

#### BAKERY & RESTAURANT

Potiwa Pizza
Big John's To-Go
The Seed
ROK Prime Korean BBQ
Café Prelude
NYPD Pizza
Safai
Dalo Restaurant
Armenia

\$392,402.52

Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program \$337,054.46

Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant Program \$729,456.98

Total Grant Dollars Awarded \$1,104,730

Total Approximate Amount of Matching Private Funds Invested

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BBCRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

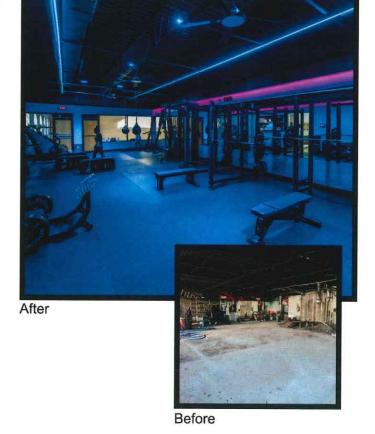
Visit our website at BoyntonBeachCRA.com or contact Bonnie Nicklien, Grants & Project Manager at NicklienB@bbfl.us or 561.600.9090

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**





**Before** 



Trilogy Fitness & MMA - 1550 N. Federal Highway

### COASTAL CRUISER RIDE SHARE

In March 2024, the BBCRA, in partnership with the City, celebrated the launch of its new rideshare service. The Coastal Cruiser powered by Circuit Transit Inc., is the new go-to for convenient, eco-friendly transportation.

The fleet which features four electric vehicles – two Kia Niro and two GEM cars – is available on-demand within the designated service area operating Sunday - Thursday 10 AM - 8PM and Friday and Saturday 10 AM - 10 PM. The rideshare service seamlessly transports you throughout the service area, connecting key destinations from Ocean Front Beach Park, to the Heart of Boynton, Downtown Boynton Beach, and locations along the Federal Highway corridor.

The Coastal Cruiser is designed to meet the needs of our community, offering competitive pricing that makes getting around eastern Boynton Beach easier than ever before. Starting at just \$1 per rider, Zone 1 trips provide access to a wide range of destinations. Zone 2 rides service only the Ocean Front Beach Park and start at \$2 for the first rider and \$1 for each additional rider in your party.

The launch of the Coastal Cruiser marks a significant step forward in our commitment to sustainability and accessibility in Boynton Beach. Whether you're heading to work, running errands or enjoying leisure activities at the Boynton Harbor Marina, the Coastal Cruiser makes parking headaches a thing of the past!







### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONS

Throughout the fiscal year, the BBCRA remained committed to its mission to foster a thriving local business community by providing strategic support, promotional opportunities, and innovative incentive programs. By celebrating new business openings, enhancing consumer engagement, and continuously seeking ways to connect businesses with residents through promotional activities, the BBCRA helps drive economic growth and vibrancy in the area. A variety of business promotional events were hosted to connect residents and visitors with locally owned small businesses.

The **Boynton Beach Pirate Fest** featured the **Enchanted Market**, a micro-activation designed to spotlight 20 local businesses. This unique marketplace was integrated into the larger event experience through a treasure hunt that encouraged attendees to engage with the local vendors. Participants who completed the treasure hunt were entered into a drawing to win a signature banner bag filled with swag and gift certificates to the featured businesses.

The holiday season was the perfect opportunity to spotlight local businesses. During the 51st Annual Boynton Beach Holiday Boat Parade 43 dazzling boats set sail and lit-up the Intracoastal Waterway. Snapshots with Santa brought holiday cheer to nine local businesses, allowing families to capture free festive photos with Santa while receiving a keepsake Polaroid. To encourage local shopping, Boynton Beach Bucks deals were promoted to offer special discounts. The banyan trees at Dewey Park were illuminated with a stunning holiday lighting display, creating a warm and inviting seasonal atmosphere in Downtown Boynton Beach. The festive lights provided a beautiful backdrop for visitors to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

The traveling concert series, **Rock the Plaza**, showcased three shopping plazas located within the BBCRA area—Ocean Palm Plaza, Ocean Plaza, and One Boynton—with live music, family-friendly activities, and promotions for participating businesses. The introduction of sample stations allowed guests to taste featured dishes from local restaurants, further boosting engagement. In June, **Rock the Marina** provided a spotlight on Boynton Harbor Marina with live music, vendor showcases, and cooking demonstrations from local restaurants. The **Marina Month** promotional campaign was launched to support the marina's recreational charters during the slower off-season.

The BBCRA's commitment to providing business promotional opportunities continued with the launch of the **Boynton Beach Spring Market**, which featured 66 vendors, live entertainment, and interactive experiences. The event also marked the official launch of the Coastal Cruiser by Circuit, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a "first ride" by BBCRA Board Members, symbolizing yet another initiative aimed at enhancing the community's experience. The **Boynton Beach Night Market** transformed Downtown Boynton Beach into a vibrant and bustling summer destination. With 86 unique vendors, immersive experiences, and live entertainment this highly successful activation provided an unforgettable evening under the stars and valuable exposure for local businesses.

By providing engaging activations, the BBCRA successfully strengthened connections between local businesses and the community. Each promotional activation helped to boost the visibility of participating businesses and drive economic activity.



### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONS**

















### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONS**

Throughout the fiscal year, forty-three custom deals were activated through the **Boynton Beach Bucks** program to offer valuable incentives for both new and existing businesses. As part of the BBCRA's ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses and encouraging shopping within the community, Boynton Beach Bucks has continued to be a popular and effective promotional tool. Since its launch in 2020, the program has grown significantly in popularity, establishing itself as a staple within the toolkit of business promotional resources utilized to connect businesses with local consumers.

This unique initiative provides same-as-cash vouchers, offering special deals and discounts for local restaurants, retailers, and professional service providers. BBCRA staff works closely with each participating business to create customized promotions tailored to their specific products and services. This personalized approach allows businesses to attract new customers through exclusive, appealing offers—without any upfront costs. The BBCRA fully reimburses businesses for all redeemed vouchers, ensuring that participation in the program is financially advantageous.

By bridging the gap between local businesses and consumers, Boynton Beach Bucks has proven to be a powerful tool for strengthening community engagement, increasing foot traffic, and generating positive economic impact for businesses throughout the BBCRA area.

In addition to promotional incentives, the BBCRA proudly welcomed six new businesses to eastern Boynton Beach, celebrating each milestone with ceremonial **Ribbon Cuttings and Grand Opening** events. These special occasions provided business owners with the opportunity to showcase their products and services to the community while receiving a warm welcome from Boynton Beach dignitaries, local leaders, fellow entrepreneurs, and residents eager to support new businesses.

To further extend the reach of these celebrations, the BBCRA broadcasted the ceremonies live on Facebook, allowing additional community members to learn about and support the newest additions to Boynton Beach's growing business community. These events not only enhanced visibility for the new businesses; but also contributed to building strong relationships between the BBCRA, local businesses, and the broader community.















### LAND ACQUISITION

One of the BBCRA's goals outlined in the 2016 Community Redevelopment Plan which also serves as a planning principle for the agency, is to pursue redevelopment by engaging in land acquisition for future redevelopment. In fiscal year 2023-2024, the BBCRA made six property acquisitions and received one property through a transfer from the City totaling 1.6416 acres for \$2,693,000:

- 1111 S. Federal Highway
- 1022 N. Federal Highway
- 507 N.W. 12th Avenue
- . 524 N.W. 3rd Street
- 1017 N. Railroad Avenue
- 1101 N. Federal Highway
- Lots 348-350 N.W. 11th Avenue

### Social Media Outreach Program

The BBCRA recognizes that in order to compete with big business, small businesses need an online presence. The Social Media Outreach Program (SMOP) was developed to help small businesses develop their online brand and market themselves through social media - and the best part, it's free to participate! Through one-on-one assistance, the BBCRA shows small businesses how to use social media as a marketing tool, assists in the creation of engaging content, and helps businesses attract new customers. This program is designed to assist with marketing tips and tricks to help improve efficiency, enhance branding efforts, and streamline small business marketing. This program supports the growth of our small businesses in Boynton Beach. Interested parties may contact Renee Rosario, Social Media & Communications Specialist, at RosarioR@bbfl.us or 561.327.6154 for more information.

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### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

# INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

#### **BRONZE**

Economic Development Organization of the Year

FLORIDA FESTIVALS & EVENTS ASSOCIATION

## 1ST PLACE PROMOTIONAL MAILER Holiday Boat Parade

T-SHIRT Holiday Boat Parade

#### PROMOTIONAL ITEM

Enchanted Market at Pirate Fest

#### PHOTO OPP AREA

Enchanted Market at Pirate Fest

#### 2ND PLACE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Boynton Beach Spring Market

#### Рното

Boynton Beach Night Market

#### 3RD PLACE BILLBOARD/SIGNAGE

Boynton Beach Night Market

#### Рното

Enchanted Market at Pirate Fest



# INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS ASSOCIATION

#### GOLD

BEST PROMOTIONAL PHOTO Enchanted Market at Pirate Fest

#### **SILVER**

BEST ON-SITE DECOR
Enchanted Market at Pirate Fest

#### **BRONZE**

BEST NEWSPAPER AD Holiday Boat Parade

#### **BEST PROMOTIONAL PHOTO**

Boynton Beach Night Market







# BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA)

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024** 

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency:

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Agency as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Agency, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud
  or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period
  of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2024 on our consideration of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control over financial reporting.

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Certified Public Accountant Coral Gables, Florida December 13, 2024 BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency" or the "CRA") is designed to provide an objective and easy to read analysis of the financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, and conditions. The MD&A provides a broad overview, short-term and long-term analysis of the Agency's activities based on information presented in the financial statements. Specifically, this information is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the Agency's financial activity and identify changes in the Agency's financial position and its ability to address the next year's challenges. Finally, the MD&A will identify any material deviations from the approved budget.

The Agency is an independent agency and a component unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida ("City"). The Agency has presented its financial statements in accordance with the reporting model required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments.

The information contained in this MD&A is only a component of the entire financial statement report. Readers should take time to read and evaluate all sections of the report, including the footnotes and required supplementary information provided.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Agency's tax increment revenues increased by 11% to approximately \$21.56 million during the fiscal year. This resulted primarily from increased property values by 13.1% within the CRA district from residential, multi-family, condominiums and commercial properties.

The Agency began the fiscal year with a net position balance of approximately \$41.29 million. The Agency's total revenues for the year ended September 30, 2024, were approximately \$24.89 million, while total expenses were approximately \$18.70 million, increasing net position by approximately \$10.29 million.

The CRA's guiding document for annual budgeting, programs and projects is the CRA Redevelopment Plan. The CRA Redevelopment Plan is organized into six separate districts, each identified according to their character, history, location, land use make-up and intended purpose; 1) the Industrial Craft District; 2) the Heart of Boynton District; 3) the Cultural District; 4) the Boynton Beach Boulevard District; 5) the Downtown District; and 6) the Federal Highway District. While the Redevelopment Plan can be revised, it will remain the planning document used by the CRA for the next twenty years.

The CRA, in cooperation with the City's Police Department, continues to fund the Neighborhood Officer Program (NOP) Innovative Policing Initiative in the Heart of Boynton. In 2023-2024, the partnership funded four Officers to enhance the Unit's ability to provide a positive presence in the community. The goal of the program is to address crime holistically within the CRA Districts by promoting an atmosphere that emphasizes a sense of trust, caring and community investment. Public safety cultivates personal relationships between police personnel assigned to the neighborhood on foot and bike patrols and additional security patrol, recommendations, and/or resources to the business community.

The CRA has partnered with the City of Boynton Beach on the Town Square Project which encompasses approximately eight acres of the total 16-acre site. The 55,000 square foot City Hall and Public Library building opened in June 2020 along with the historic Boynton Beach High School building that was adapted and reused as the City's new Cultural Center and event center. The Town Square Amphitheater and Kapok Park opened shortly after the City hall building with their open spaces are being enjoyed by the public on a daily basis. In addition, the City initiated the production of a Central Energy Plant which has the capacity to service all of the public and private buildings within the Town Square Project area with chilled water to lessen the costs associated with running their large air conditioning systems.

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A total of \$20.7 million of CRA funding was expended over the last six fiscal year budgets for the design drawings, permitting and construction of the Town Square Project. These improvements with an additional \$3.55 million were expended during Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The CRA has made a commitment through an Interlocal Agreement to provide funding over the next 20 years for the cost of completing the Town Square Project.

The CRA had the pleasure of assisting 20 (twenty) new businesses, adding over 32,221 square feet of new retail, industrial and professional office space within the CRA area with commercial rent subsidy and property improvement grants. Additionally, one commercial property owner completed façade improvements totaling over 1,638 square feet. Approximately \$721,965 was awarded during the fiscal year to those businesses. The Economic development assistance programs targeted to existing and new businesses within the CRA district have proven to be a success. The CRA also awarded one business 6-months of additional rent reimbursement per their FY 2020-2021 Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant applications totaling \$7,500. The Economic development assistance programs targeted to existing and new businesses within the CRA district have proven to be a success.

The Agency continued the facilitation of three major development projects during this Fiscal Year. The first is 511-529 E. Ocean Avenue properties for the 115 N. Federal Highway Infill Mixed Use Redevelopment Project. The land assemblage allowed the Agency to issue an RFP/RFQ for development proposals which resulted in the execution of a Purchase and Development Agreement (PDA), Tax Increment Revenue Financing Agreement (TIF), and Parking Lease Agreements with BBQ OZ, LLC to develop The Pierce, a new development consisting a minimum of 236 mixed-income apartments, 16,800 square feet of retail, restaurant, and office space, and 150 public parking spaces.

Additionally, Pulte Home Company, LLC to purchase the CRA-owned Cottage District Infill Housing properties at market value. In 2023, the CRA Board approved a Purchase and Development Agreement for the redevelopment of the site. Permit applications were submitted to the City of Boynton Beach Building Department July 2024. The proposed site plan includes, at minimum, 41 for-sale, owner occupied units consisting of at least 19 single-family detached units and 22 townhomes. All homes will be marketed and sold through Palm Beach County's Workforce Housing Program and sold at 60%-100% of the County's Area Media Income. The project which has been a priority site for the construction of new affordable or workforce home ownership is anticipated to be completed within two years of commencement of construction.

Lastly, an increase in construction costs, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, necessitate the Agency to provide over \$4 million dollars in gap funding for the MLK Jr. Boulevard Mixed Use Project (aka Wells Landing Apartments, LLC d/b/a Heart of Boynton Village Apartments and Heart of Boynton Shops). This enabled the construction of 124 affordable Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) apartments and 8,250 square feet of neighborhood serving commercial uses in the Heart of Boynton District. The three residential building received their Certificate of Occupancy in July 2024 and are currently fully occupied. The commercial spaces have five permit ready units waiting for construction commencement for two restaurants, a family wellness center, a professional services office and the Neighborhood Police office.

The BBCRA launched the first affordable rideshare service, Coastal Cruiser powered by Circuit Inc., in March 2024. The budget for this service for fiscal year 2023-2024 was \$400,000. The first 6-month renewal was approved by the CRA Board in September 2024 and there are plans to expand the service with City Staff.

The BBCRA provided funding though an interlocal agreement with the City for the streetscape improvements along East Boynton Beach Boulevard (east of Federal Highway) which was completed in December 2023. The match totaled \$1.5 million.

The CRA Board directed staff in March 2024 to work with a consultant on an Entry Feature Park for the CRA owned property located at 1101 N Federal Highway. A consultant was secured in August 2024 and the first round of designs will be before the board in October 2024. \$200,000 has been allocated for this project.

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Other redevelopment initiatives: Jaycee Park dog park design and construction which was completed in November 2023, approval of the purchase and development agreement for the Downtown USPS State located at 401-411 E. Boynton Beach Boulevard, and Tax Increment Funding (TIF) requests from Ocean One (114-222 N Federal Highway) for \$9 million and The Villages located at 405 E Ocean Avenue, is asking for \$9.9 million and will go back to the CRA Board in October 2024.

In FY 2019-2020, the City of Boynton Beach made a funding request to share in the costs associated with a substantial streetscape, parking and landscape improvement project designed for the portion of E. Boynton Beach Boulevard, located within the area of Pete's Pond and Marina. This project increased the number of parking spaces, renovated or replaced existing landscape beds and plant material and added lighting. The total cost of the proposed project is \$1,154,295, with the City contributing \$654,295 and the BBCRA contributing \$500,000. The project was completed in December 2023.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Agency's basic financial statements are comprised of the 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide readers with a broad overview of the Agency's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. In addition, the government-wide statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The *Statement of Net position* (balance sheet) presents information on the Agency's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities (income statement) presents information showing how the Agency's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in revenues are reported as soon as underlying events giving rise to the change occur regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements present functions of the Agency that are principally supported by tax increment financing (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the Agency include general government activities, public safety and redevelopment projects. Thus, the Agency has no business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements are found beginning on page 9 of this report.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The governmental fund financial statements provide readers with an overview of each fund and its related function in a traditional format. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that maintain control over resources that are segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Agency, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate legal compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The Agency utilizes three funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the *General Fund*, which is a governmental fund, the *Debt Service Fund*, used for servicing all debt payments and the *Projects Fund*, from which all capital outlays financed from Bond proceeds or other sources of financing are spent.

**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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The focus of governmental funds is narrower than government-wide financial statements, and it is therefore

useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By comparing and contrasting, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Agency's near-term financing decisions. The "Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds" and "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance -Governmental Funds" are reconciled as shown on the "Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund to the Statement of Net position" and the "Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change In Fund Balance - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities" to facilitate the comparison between the *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Agency adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule provided for the General Fund demonstrates compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental funds financial statements can be found beginning on page 11 of this report. The reconciliations between the governmental funds and governmental activities are found on pages 12 and 14.

#### **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements begin on page 15 of this report.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Agency's budget to actual results for the General Fund for the current year. The required supplementary information can be found on page 23 and 24 of this report.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Agency, assets exceeded liabilities by approximately \$24.17 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year. However, the largest portion of the Agency's total assets, 56%, is reflected in its capital assets.

#### **Summary of Net Position**

	September 30,				
	2024	2023			
Assets					
Current and other assets	\$ <b>24,557,65</b> 5	\$ 19,773,024			
Capital assets	31,797,299	29,631,786			
Total assets	56,354,954	49,404,810			
Deferred outflows of resources	239,505	359,256			
Liabilities					
Current liabilities	2,578,062	3,810,455			
Long-term liabilities	2,441,160	4,663,954			
Total liabilities	5,019,222	8,474,409			

#### **Summary of Net Position (Continued)**

	Septemb	September 30,			
	2024	2023			
Net position					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	29,302,794	24,825,530			
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	19,070,941	13,283,370			
Debt service	230,912	176,014			
Unrestricted	2,970,590	3,004,743			
Total net position	\$ 51,575,237	\$ 41,289,657			

The Agency has restricted assets for various capital projects.

#### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the Agency's net position by approximately \$10.29 million. Key elements of this increase are detailed as follows:

#### **Summary of Activities**

	Year Ended September 30,			
	2024			2023
Revenues				
Program Revenues				
Charges for services	\$	2,273,845	\$	2,322,729
General Revenues				
Tax increment revenue		21,555,333		19,113,241
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(186,199)		•
Interest and other income		1,063,487		955,014
Total revenues		24,706,466		22,390,984
Expenses				
General government		4,713,396		4,496,867
Redevelopment projects		9,411,595		9,313,251
Interest on long-term debt		295,895		371,590
Total expenses	HADLIN PARTY	14,420,886	ani sentani se	14,181,707
Change in net position		10,285,580		8,209,276
Net position, beginning of year		41,289,657		33,080,381
Net position, end of year	\$	51,575,237	\$	41,289,657

Tax increment revenues increased by approximately \$2.44 million during fiscal year 2024, the result of increased taxable values.

Year-to-year expenses increased by approximately \$52 thousand. This was due primarily to the increase in redevelopment projects and increase in loss on sale of capital assets.

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#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AGENCY'S FUNDS

The focus of the Agency's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Agency's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. At the end of fiscal year 2024, the Agency's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of approximately \$24.17 million, of which approximately \$56 thousand is nonspendable, \$2.18 million is committed, \$19.82 million is assigned and \$2.12 million is unassigned funds.

#### **GENERAL BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

In fiscal year 2023-2024, actual total revenues were unfavorable over budgetary estimates by approximately \$128 thousand, and actual total expenditures were favorable over budgetary estimates by \$643 thousand. Refer to page 24 for budgetary comparison schedule.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

During the year end September 30, 2024, the Agency spent approximately \$2.69 million in capital assets. This includes approximately all for properties acquired in the CRA district targeted redevelopment plan for the downtown district.

#### Long-Term Debt

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the Agency has total bond debt outstanding of approximately \$4.45 million. Of this amount, approximately \$3.02 million represents the 2012 refunding Revenue Bonds and \$1.43 million represents the 2015 Revenue Bonds.

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

Assessed property valuations within the community redevelopment district increased approximately 13.1% versus prior year resulting in an increase in tax increment revenues of \$2.44 million, net of estimated adjustments for tax roll certifications. The Agency's Board approved the 2023-2024 budget including utilization of tax increment revenues for several projects including key acquisition funding, funding for the Town Square project, infrastructure improvements, community police program, Heart of Boynton initiatives and the continuation of business and economic incentive programs.

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Agency's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Vicki Hill, Finance Director at 100 E Ocean Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boynton Beach, Florida 33435.

#### BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Go	overnmental Activities
ASSETS	_	04.470.550
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivables	\$	24,479,663
Prepaids		6,184 55,860
Other Receivables		15,948
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:		20,510
Land		23,923,604
Furniture and equipment		47,177
Renovations		564,569
Construction in progress		41,708
Building		6,530,761
Land improvements		689,480
Total assets		56,354,954
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred amount on refunding		239,505
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		372,265
Deposits payable		13,797
Long-term liabilities:		0.400.000
Due within one year		2,192,000
Due in more than one year Bonds and loans payable		2 255 000
Compensated absences		2,255,000 186,160
Total liabilities	**************************************	**************************************
rotal habilities		5,019,222
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in capital assets Restricted for:		29,302,794
Capital projects		19,070,941
Debt service		230,912
Unrestricted		2,970,590
Total net position	\$	51,575,237

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net			
		Expenses	Charg	es for Services		Assets
Functions/Programs Governmental Activities: General government Redevelopment projects Interest on long-term debt	\$	4,713,396 9,411,595 295,895	\$	2,273,845 - -	\$	(2,439,551) (9,411,595) (295,895)
Total	<u>\$</u>	14,420,886	\$	2,273,845	\$	(12,147,041)
	Gene	ral Revenues:				
	Tax	increment reve	nue		\$	21,555,333
		nfers and loss o		f capital assets		(186,199)
	Interest and other income					1,063,487
	Total general revenues					22, <del>4</del> 32,621
	Change in net position					10,285,580
	Net position - beginning of year					41,289,657
	Net position - end of year					51,575,237

#### BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General Fund	Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	i otai Governmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivables Prepaids Other receivables	\$ 4,948,192 6,184 55,860	\$ 19,300,559 - - 15,948	\$ 230,912	\$ 24,479,663 6,184 55,860 15,948
Total assets	\$ 5,010,236	<u>\$ 19,316,507</u>	\$ 230,912	<u>\$ 24,557,655</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deposits payable Total liabilities	\$ 126,724 13,772 140,496	\$ 245,541 25 245,566	\$ - -	\$ 372,265 13,797 386,062
Fund Balances: Nonspendable Committed Assigned Unassigned Total fund balances	55,860 814,874 1,880,300 2,118,706 4,869,740	1,135,316 17,935,625 	230,912	55,860 2,181,102 19,815,925 2,118,706 24,171,593
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 5,010,236	\$ 19,316,507	\$ 230,912	\$ 24,557,655

## BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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Fund balance - governmental funds	\$	24,171,593
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net asset are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation		31,797,299
Deferred outflow of resources - reported as deferred amount on refunding		239,505
Long-term liabilities are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences		(186,160)
Bonds and notes payable	<del> </del>	(4,447,000)
Net position of governmental activities	\$	51,575,237

# BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General Fund	Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				A 24 FFF 222
Tax Increment revenue	\$ 21,555,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,555,333
Charges for services	2,273,845	-	-	2,273,845
Contributions and donations Interest and other income	316,954	694,308	52,225	1,063,487
Interest and other income Intergovernmental Revenues	510,551		<i>-</i>	2,000,107
Other	_		-	-
Total revenues	24,146,132	694,308	52,225	24,892,665
EXPENDITURES				
General government	4,461,662	-	-	4,461,662
Redevelopment projects Debt service:		9,411,595	-	9,411,595
Principal	-	-	1,957,000	1,957,000
Interest and other charges	-	-	176,144	176,144
Capital outlay	-	2,693,000	•	2,693,000
Total expenditures	4,461,662	12,104,595	2,133,144	18,699,401
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
(under) expenditures	19,684,470	(11,410,287)	(2,080,919)	6,193,264
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	58,760	-	58,760
Transfers in	-	17,139,098	2,135,817	19,274,915
Transfers out	(19,274,915)		•	(19,274,915)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(19,274,915)	17,197,858	2,135,817	58,760
Net change in fund balances	409,555	5,787,571	54,898	6,252,024
Fund balances - beginning of year	4,460,185	13,283,370	176,014	17,919,569
Fund balances - end of year	\$ 4,869,740	\$ 19,070,941	\$ 230,912	\$ 24,171,593

BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA)
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDIXTURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	6,252,024
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.		
Expenditures for capital assets		2,693,000
Less current year depreciation expense Disposal of capital assets		(282,528) (244,959)
For governmental funds, the Issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources and the repayment of long-term debt consumes current financial resources. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.		
Principal payments on long-term debt		1,957,000
Amortization on deferred amount on refunding		(119,751)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resource and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures		
in governmental funds. Net change in long-term compensated absences.		30,794
Change in net position of governmental activities	đ	10,285,580
Change in their position or governmental activities	<u> </u>	10,200,000

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the basic financial statements. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements. The accounting policies of the Agency conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. This report, the accounting systems and classification of accounts conform to standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

#### A. Organization and reporting entity

The Agency is a component unit established by the City of Boynton Beach, Florida (the "City") under the authority granted by Florida Statutes 163, Section III. The purpose of the Agency is to promote and guide physical and economic redevelopment in the City and part of Palm Beach County, Florida (the "District"). The Agency is a legally separate entity established by Ordinance number 83-41 of the City on December 20, 1983.

The Agency has adopted GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34,* for the purpose of evaluating whether it has any component units. Based on the criteria therein, the Agency has determined that there are no component units that meet criteria for inclusion in the Agency's financial statements.

The Agency is governed by a board comprised of elected officials. The City is considered to be financially accountable for the Agency and in accordance with GASB Statement No. 61, and therefore the Agency is considered to be a blended component unit in the City's comprehensive annual financial report.

#### **B.** Reporting model

The Agency's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

#### Government-wide financial statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information on all of the activities of the Agency. Governmental activities are reported separately from business-type activities which rely on fees charged to external parties as their primary revenues. The Agency has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position reports the Agency's financial position as of the end of the fiscal year. In this statement, the Agency's net position is reported in three categories: net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Agency. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges for services that are directly related to a given function and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Tax increment revenue and other items not meeting the definition of program revenue are reported instead as general revenue.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### B. Reporting model (Continued)

#### Fund financial statements

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the Agency reports three major funds, the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the Projects Fund. The General Fund is classified as a governmental fund and accounts for all financial resources controlled by the Agency. The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term obligation debt. The Projects Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for redevelopment programs and the acquisition or construction of capital projects. The governmental fund statement includes reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for the governmental fund.

#### C. Measurement focus and basis of accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

#### D. Cash, cash equivalents and investments

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and have an original maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase. Cash and cash equivalents consist of petty cash and deposits with financial institutions qualified as public depositories under Florida law. All deposits are insured by federal depository insurance and/or collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Investments made locally consist of amounts placed in obligations of United States Government Agencies and Instrumentalities and are reported at fair value. The Agency is authorized to invest in direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, interest bearing time or demand deposits with any qualified depository institution, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, state and/or local government taxable debt, mutual funds, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's investment pool, which has the characteristics of a money market fund.

#### E. Capital assets

Capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life of more than one year. These assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives of all reported capital assets, except land and land improvements. The estimated useful life of furniture, fixtures and equipment is four to ten years.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### F. Fund equity / net position

#### Fund equity

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types. Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent, as follows:

- Nonspendable fund balance amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed
  on the use of resources are either by (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants),
  grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through
  constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.
- Committed fund balance amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority.
- Assigned fund balance amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
- Unassigned fund balance amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purpose within the general fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available for use, it is the Agency's practice to use restricted resources first. Additionally, the Agency would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance.

#### Net position

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position can be categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted. The first category represents capital assets, less accumulated depreciation and net of any outstanding debt associated with the acquisition of capital assets. Restricted net position represents amounts that are restricted by requirement of debt indenture or enabling legislation. Unrestricted net position represents the net position component of the Agency which is not restricted for any project or purpose.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Agency's policy to use unrestricted resources first, and then restricted resources as they are needed.

#### G. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs

In the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures in the fund financial statements and redevelopment projects expense in the government-wide financial statements.

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#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### H. Deferred outflows of resources

The statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources representing a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and is not recognized as an outflow of resources in the current period. The Agency has only one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the life of refunded debt.

#### I. Revenue sources

Tax increment revenues are the primary source of revenue for the Agency. Tax increment revenues are collected from two governmental entities that levy property taxes within the legally defined redevelopment area of the Agency, which is the City of Boynton Beach, Florida and Palm Beach County, Florida.

#### J. Compensated absences

It is the Agency's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay. Employees may, depending on their level of service and policy of the Agency, be paid for various amounts of their total accrued leave by the end of each fiscal year, upon termination or retirement. The Agency accrues a liability for leave hours that meet the criteria for payment at the eligible employees' current rates of pay.

#### K. Interfund transactions

Transactions between funds during the fiscal year consisted of amounts due for reimbursements (reported as due from other funds and due to other funds) and transfers.

#### L. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

#### 2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

All of the Agency's bank deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized in accordance with Florida Security for Public Deposits Act (the "Act"). Under the Act, every qualified public depository shall deposit with the Treasurer eligible collateral having a market value equal to 50% of the average daily balance for each month that all public deposits are in excess of any applicable deposit insurance. If the public deposits exceed the total amount of the regulatory capital accounts of a bank or the regulatory net worth of a savings association, the required collateral shall have a market value equal to 125% of the deposits.

The Agency's investment policy is designed to ensure the prudent management of funds, and the availability of operating and capital funds when required, while earning a competitive return within the policy framework. The primary objectives, in order of priority, of investment activity shall be safety, interest rate risk, liquidity and yield. As of September 30, 2024, the Agency does not have any investments.

#### 3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, is as follows:

Carried analysis and hadron dames to be de-	Balance at 9/30/2023	Additions/ Transfers	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance at 9/30/2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	£ 24 E44 202	A 2 C24 270	A (244.0E0)	+ 22 222 524
Land	\$ 21,544,293	\$ 2,624,270	\$ (244,959)	\$ 23,923,604
Construction In progress	41,708	-	-	41,708
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	21 506 001	2,624,270	(244 DEO)	22 065 212
Capital assets, being depreciated:	21,586,001	2,024,270	(244,959)	23,965,312
Building	7,261,063	68,730	_	7,329,793
Renovations	1,090,247		_	1,090,247
Land improvements	1,121,310	_	_	1,121,310
Leasehold improvements	24,676		_	24,676
Furniture and equipment	207,623	_	_	207,623
Vehicle	15,850	_	_	15,850
Total capital assets, being depreciated		68,730		9,789,499
Less accumulated depreciation for:	3,720,703	00,730		9,709,799
Building	(617,358)	(181,674)	_	(700 022)
Renovations	(490,311)	(35,367)	-	(799,032) (535,678)
Land improvements	(376,322)	(55,508)	-	(525,678) (431,830)
Leasehold improvements	(24,676)	(33,300)	_	(24,676)
Furniture and equipment	(150,467)	(9,979)		• • •
Vehicle		(9,979)	-	(160,446)
verncie	(15,850)	-		(15,850)
Total accumulated depreciation Total capital assets, being	(1,674,984)	(282,528)		(1,957,512)
depreciated, net	8,045,785	(213,798)	•	7,831,987
Total capital assets, net of		Accommon management of the common of the com	MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT ASSESSM	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
accumulated				
depreciation	\$ 29,631,786	\$ 2,410,472	\$ (244,959)	\$ 31,797,299

Depreciation expense of \$282,528 was charged to general government for fiscal year 2024.

#### 4. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

At September 30, 2024, bonds and loans payable consist of the following:

BONDS:

2012 Tax Increment Refunding Revenue Bonds dated October 18, 2012, due in annual principal installments of \$143,000 to \$1,530,000 through October 1, 2026, bearing an interest rate of 2.56%.

\$ 3,017,000

2015 Tax Increment Refunding Revenue Bonds, dated March 26, 2015 due in annual principal installments of \$360,000 to \$725,000 through October 1, 2026, bearing an interest rate of 3.3%.

1,430,000 \$ 4,447,000

#### 4. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

The annual requirements to amortize bonds and loans payable outstanding as of September 30, 2024, are as follows:

	2012 Tax Ir Refunding i	Revenue	Refunding	Increment Revenue		
Fiscal	Bono	Bonds		Bonds		als
Year(s)	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	1,487,000	77,235	705,000	47,190	2,192,000	124,425
2026	1,530,000	39,168	725,000	23,925	2,255,000	63,093
	\$ 3,017,000 \$	116,403	\$ 1,430,000	\$ 71,115	\$ 4,447,000 \$	187,518

The changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

	Balance at 9/30/23	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 9/30/24	Due within one year
Bonds payable	\$ 6,404,000	\$ -	\$(1,957,000)	\$ 4,447,000	\$ 2,192,000
Compensated absences	216,954	_	(30,794)	186,160	-
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 6,620,954	\$ -	\$(1,987,794)	\$ 4,633,160	\$ 2,192,000

#### 5. FUND BALANCES

At September 30, 2024, the Agency reported the following governmental fund balances:

- Nonspendable fund balance These amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Committed fund balance these amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the Board of the Agency. The items cannot be removed unless the Board removes it in the same manner it was implemented.
- Assigned fund balance these amounts are approved and constrained by the Agency's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
- Unassigned fund balance These amounts have not been assigned to other funds and have not been restricted, committed, or assigned for a specific purpose.

Below is a table of fund balance categories and classifications, by fund, at September 30, 2024:

	General Fund	Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	
Nonspendable	\$ 55,860	\$ -	\$ -	
Committed	814,874	1,135,316	230,912	
Assigned	1,880,300	17,935,625	-	
Unassigned	2,118,706		Associated and the second and the se	
Total	\$ 4,869,740	\$ 19,070,941	\$ 230,912	

#### 6. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2024, the General Fund transferred \$17,139,098 to the Project Fund and \$2,135,817 to the Debt Service Fund. The transfers made to the Project Fund were to fund the costs of ongoing redevelopment projects. The transfers made to the Debt Service Fund were to fund the annual debt service expenditures on the bonds and loans payable.

#### 7. HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Agency established the Homebuyer Assistance Program to assist local residents with the purchase of a home by providing a subsidy in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per homeowner. The subsidy is secured by a mortgage, which is required to be paid back only under certain circumstances outlined in the mortgage agreement. The mortgage is forgiven if the homeowner remains in the home during the full term outlined in the agreement. The number of mortgages receivable outstanding on September 30, 2024 total \$553,872. Given the nature of these loans, collection is uncertain, and therefore an allowance for uncollectible mortgages has been established at 100% of the value of the mortgages receivable outstanding. Consequently, these mortgages are not recognized on the financial statements.

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Agency purchases commercial insurance for the risks of loss to which it is exposed. Policy limits and deductibles are reviewed by management and established at amounts to provide reasonable protection from significant financial loss. Settlements did not exceed insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

#### 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Economic development programs**

The Agency established Economic Development Programs to promote the redevelopment of and retain existing businesses located in the CRA area as well as attract new businesses to Boynton Beach. These programs for commercial businesses include property improvement and rent reimbursement. During fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Agency closed and disbursed \$729,457 in Economic Development Grants.

#### **10.RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Agency participates in a 401(a) defined contribution retirement plan and a 457(b) deferred compensation plan (the "Plans"). The Plans are qualified under Sections 401(1), 403 (a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plans are administered by independent trustees. All employees who meet the requirements are qualified to participate. Employees make voluntary contributions to the 457(b) plan. The Agency's required contribution is 28.5% of the total salaries of qualified participants. Employer contributions to both plans in fiscal year 2024 totaled \$282,628.

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Agency is a blended component unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the Agency's tax increment revenues include \$13,801,823 received from the City. The CRA reimbursed the City \$100,660 after receiving the Final Adjustment Certified Tax Rolls on March 28, 2024.

In addition, the Agency reimbursed the City for services performed on behalf of the Agency such as recording, information technology services, Clean & Safe program, landscape and maintenance services, festival expenses, human resource and payroll services, facility rental and permitting fees paid during the year. Payments to the City for these services during the year ended September 30, 2024 totaled \$8,819,153.

#### **12.SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Agency evaluated subsequent events through December 13, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and does not believe that there are any such events or transactions that require disclosure.

#### 13.NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS ISSUED

The following pronouncements were recently issued but were not yet effective for the Agency's fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Management will evaluate the effect that the pronouncements will have on its financial statements:

- GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences
- GASB Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures
- GASB Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements
- GASB Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets

#### BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (UNAUDITED) - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REVENUES Tax increment revenue Charges for services	Original Budget \$ 21,496,558 1,100,000	Final Budget \$ 21,496,558 1,100,000	Actual \$ 21,555,333 2,273,845	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)  \$ 58,775 1,173,845
Interest and other income			<u>316,954</u>	316,954
Total revenues	22,596,558	22,596,558	24,146,132	1,549,574
EXPENDITURES General government Total expenditures Excess of revenues over expenditures	5,000,000 5,000,000 17,596,558	5,000,000 5,000,000 17,596,558	4,461,662 4,461,662 19,684,470	538,338 538,338 2,087,912
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Fund balance carryover Transfers out Total other financing sources (uses)		1,678,357 (19,274,915) (17,596,558)	(19,274,915) (19,274,915)	(1,678,357)
Net change in fund balances Fund balances - beginning of year Fund balances - end of year	\$	-	409,555 4,460,185 \$ 4,869,740	\$ 409,555

BOYNTON BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA) NOTE TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

#### 1. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Agency is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved annual budget for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Project Fund. The Agency's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, budgetary comparison information is disclosed only for the General Fund.

The budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, except for compensated absences. Compensated absences are budgeted only to the extent expected to be paid, rather than on the modified accrual basis. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board.

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners
Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Certified Public Accountants Coral Gables, Florida December 13, 2024



#### Management Letter in Accordance with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida

To the Board of Commissioners Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report dated December 13, 2024.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

#### Other Report Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated December 13, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective action has been taken to address the finding and recommendation that was reported in the preceding annual financial audit report.

#### Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Such disclosures are made in note 1 to the Agency's financial statements.

#### Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not the Agency has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Agency did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

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Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures as of September 30, 2024. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Agency's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

#### **Specific Information**

As required by Section 218.39(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Agency reported:

- a. A total of 9 employees compensated in the last pay period of the Agency's fiscal year.
- b. A total of 0 independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the Agency's fiscal year.
- c. Compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency totaled \$1,039,379 for the fiscal year.
- d. Compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency totaled \$10,535 for the fiscal year.
- e. The Agency has the following construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the Agency that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported:

Project Name	Approved Cost	
Boynton Beach Blvd. Streetscape Improvement Project	\$1,994,617	
Jaycee Park	\$250,000	

f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the Agency amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as follows:

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
REVENUES	4 24 405 550	A 24 400 FF0	4 04 CEE 000	
Tax Increment revenue	\$ 21,496,558	\$ 21,496,558	\$ 21,555,333	\$ 58,775
Charges for services Interest and other income	1,100,000	1,100,000	2,273,845 <u>316,954</u>	1,173,845 316,954
Total revenues	22,596,558	22,596,558	24,146,132	1,549,574
EXPENDITURES				
General government	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,461,662	538,338
Total expenditures	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,461,662	538,338
Excess of revenues over expenditures	17,596,558	17,596,558	19,684,470	2,087,912
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Fund balance carryover	-	1,678,357	-	(1,678,357)
Transfers out	(17,596,558)	(19,274,915)	(19,274,915)	**
Total other financing sources (uses)	(17,596,558)	(17,596,558)	(19,274,915)	(1,678,357)
Net change in fund balances		****	409,555	\$ 409,555
Fund balances - beginning of year			4,460,185	
Fund balances - end of year			\$ 4,869,740	

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Florida Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, and the Board of Directors and management of the Agency, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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### Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Sections 163.387(6) and (7), Florida Statutes

To the Board of Commissioners Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency:

We have examined the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a Component Unit of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida compliance with Sections 163.387(6) and (7), Florida Statutes regarding the redevelopment trust fund during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the Agency's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Agency's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Agency's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Agency's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Florida Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, and the Board of Directors and management of the Agency, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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