

Program Name: Crime Haven Elimination Programs (Municipal Code Compliance Division)

Department Name: Environmental and Compliance

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Type Allocation: City Direct Delivery Competitive Bid Legislative Award

Program Strategy: Increasing Police Presence and Eliminating Crime

Program Summary:

Demolition and/or nuisance abatement of property safety/maintenance code violations, which contribute to severe blighting and unsafe conditions within neighborhoods and provide potential haven for criminal activity. Municipal Code Compliance Division cites unsafe structures, abandoned/junk vehicles, established residential/commercial minimum building standards violations, nuisance (overgrowth, trash, debris, etc.) conditions, and vacant/open structures, which require board-up. If owners fail to address unsafe structure and/or nuisance issues, provided funding assists with demolition and site clearance activities to correct code violations. DART (Drug Abatement Response Team): MCCD partners with Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, in addition to Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Division, Animal Care and Control, J.E.A., Community Services, and the Office of General Counsel, to inspect properties where reported criminal activity(-ies) occur. During DART "hits" or projects, MCCD may deem a structure as unsafe and subsequently condemn it; if negligent owners fail to correct violations, the city may ultimately arrange for abatement via demolition and/or heavy debris site clearance of nuisance conditions.

Program Overall Status:

As of July 31, 2013, Municipal Code Compliance Division has contracts for completion of or has completed 48 demolitions (25 complete/23 pending) and 115 site clearances (108 complete/7 pending within CPAC Zones 1 – Urban Core and Zone 5 – Northwest).

Successes:

Removal of unsafe structures and extreme nuisance conditions, which cause blighting influences and encourage/harbor criminal activities.

Challenges:

N/A

Program Providers – Where there are multiple agencies working together, please specify each agencies role. If type other than those illustrated below, please add to legend type below.

Types: D\$=City direct funded provider PT = Partner or subcontracted provider – NO FUNDING

PT\$ = Partner or subcontracted provider receiving funds from direct funded provider

| Provider(s) | Type (Include type code from above) | Contact Name | Address/Tel. No. | Program Specifics/ Services Provided |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|
| Municipal Code Compliance Division | D\$ | Kimberly Scott, M.P.A. | 214 North Hogan Street, 1 st Floor, Suite 134 (904)255-7099 | Demolition and/or heavy debris site clearance of health, safety, and/or blighting conditions, which may provide haven for criminal activities within the community. |

Program Budget/Financial Status

| Budget Item | Budget | Actual (cumulative) | Balance | Variance/Explanation |
|---|--|---|----------------|---|
| Demolition/heavy debris removal site clearances | \$383,002.00 (\$63,846.00 New Year Document Carryover Balance) | \$301,982.12 actual (\$78,405.00 encumbered) | | Completion of/planned 48 unsafe structure demolitions and 115 heavy debris nuisance abatement projects, as of 7/31/2013. |
| Title Searches – Landmark | | \$0.00 actual (\$0 encumbered) | | Cover expenses of title searches prior to demolition of all unsafe structures within the target areas as identified by City Code Enforcement. |
| | | | \$2,614.88 | |

Program Information

- Program Metrics/Statistics/Outcomes