

2000 Annual Report Executive Summary

Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida

The following projects are within the Enterprise Community, which includes Eastern Hendry County, Immokalee and the Big Cypress and Immokalee Indian Reservations. The listing below includes the grants and loans that have been received since January 2000 to January 2001. The areas that are included in the Strategic Plan for the EC relate to Housing, Economic Development, Education and Training and Community Image and Pride. The total funding received for the following categories include:

Education & Training \$8,281,465

Business Development \$8,011,500

Housing \$8,176,869

Community Development \$4,786,000

TOTAL \$29,255,834

Of the total amount of funding received for the Enterprise Community, \$22,504,104 was in direct grants and \$6,752,000 in low interest loans. Every dollar received in Federal Enterprise Community Funding was leveraged by \$118 dollars in federal, state and private funding.

Enterprise Community

Contact: Barbara Cacchione, Enterprise Community Coordinator 566-8936

250,000 USDA Federal

225,000 DCA State Matching grant

475,000 Total

Project Management (Benchmark 1 and 2)

- Hired the Enterprise Community Coordinator and secured two VISTA positions and opened an office in Immokalee. Office Space provided free of charge by a new partner Habitat for Humanity.
- Set up a Community Development Corporation, 501c3 non-profit status, currently waiting on the IRS exemption.
- Held regular monthly meetings with the Advisory Board comprised of local residents of the Enterprise Community. This Advisory Board will also function as the EASF Community Development Corporation.

Education and Training (Benchmark 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 25, 26)

Immokalee

- One Stop Center – central location for state agencies and job training. (Benchmark # 4)

Partner: Joe Paterno, Workforce Development Board 992-8000

Bob Soter, One Stop Coordinator

2,900,000 USDA Community Facilities Loan

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers –comprehensive after school program for 3 years for all of the Immokalee Schools, Manatee & Naples Park Elementary)

(Benchmark # 25)

Partner: Tom Stephens, Collier County Public Schools 436-6495

4,300,000 Department of Education, applied for the by the CC Public Schools

- Shared Services Network – prepare application for a 3-year grant from DOE and a Demographic and Economic package for the Enterprise Community. (Benchmark # 25)

Partner: Collier County Public Schools, Sebastian Torres, Immokalee High School

Principal, 867-3100

10,000 Community Foundation of Collier County Grants Committee

- Fathers Matter Program to bring in a speaker to Immokalee on the importance of father involvement.

(Benchmark # 25)

2,500 Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Foundation Coalition for Youth

Hendry

- Opening of the newly constructed Harlem Library.

(Benchmark # 5)

Partner: Grants & Special Projects Director, Hendry County Government

8,965 Community Foundation of Southwest Florida

125,000 Florida Division of Library Information Services

125,000 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

170,000 Private local fund raising

428,965 Total

- Implement Welfare to work initiatives – provide training to WAGES clients (Benchmark 6)

Partner: One Stop Center, Clewiston

\$300,000 One Stop Center

60,000 Key Power Institute (training provider)

\$360,000 Total

- Develop a charter school for at risk children (135 total) and provide an opportunity for school choice (Benchmark 26) Phase I- 6 classrooms complete and opened September 2000, Phase II, new facility with 135 children.

Partner: RCMA

\$280,000 RCMA

Business Development (Benchmark 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)

Immokalee

- Develop a workforce skills assessment; a target industry analysis and marketing plan for the rural communities of Hendry County, Immokalee and Glades County. Hired a business development specialist to work with individual who want to start or expand their business and to assist minorities and women in government procurement process for contracts.

Partner: SWFRPC, Florida Gulf Coast University, Small Business Development Center, TRDA/NASA.

20,000 TRDA/NASA

70,500 USDA/Rural Business Opportunities Grant

25,000 Economic Development Administration

25,000 USDA/Enterprise Community funding

32,500 Hendry and Collier County governments

163,000 TOTAL

- Phase II, Industrial Building for an assembly area, power coating area, bonded warehouse, and US Customs Facility, road and infrastructure improvements, campground and fill for industrial lots.

(Benchmark # 11)

Partner: Airport Authority

1,000,000 FDOT Aviation Office

1,650,000 Enterprise Florida

690,000 State/DCA/CDBG

1,078,000 Economic Development Administration

4,418,000 Total

Hendry

- Airglades Industrial Park- install roadway, water, sewer lines and build a 10,000 square building.

(Benchmark # 12)

Partner: Hendry County, Grants & Special Projects Coordinator

928,000 Economic Development Administration

750,000 State Community Development Block Grant

680,000 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

1,000,000 Florida Department of Transportation

12,500 Board of County Commissioners – Marketing Plan

3,370,500 Total

- Business Development Specialist for the Enterprise Community to assist minorities and women in the procurement process with NASA and to assist new business start ups as well as expansion of existing businesses. (Benchmark # 10)

Partner: Dan Regelski, Small Business Development Center, and FGCU 948-1812

20,000 TRDA for Enterprise Communities

20,000 USDA/Rural Business Opportunities Grant

20,000 USDA/Enterprise Community Funding

60,000 Total

Housing (Benchmark 17, 18, 19, 20)

Immokalee

- 300 bed dormitory facility for Farmworker Housing (Benchmark # 19)

Partners: Collier County Housing Authority Immokalee Friendship House

3,260,000 DCA/USDA Emergency Assistance grant

428,000 Collier County Housing & Urban Improvement SHIP funding

226,226 Waiver of Impact Fees

75,000 State Enterprise Community funding (EASF)

5,000 Collier County Housing Authority Land Acquisition Co.

180,500 HUD/ Rural Housing & Economic Development/Seed money for Operating

Expenses

4,174,726 Total

- Single Family Homeownership – 40 units (Benchmark # 18)(Funding included with the 300 bed facility)

Partner: Collier County Housing Authority

- 35 units at Farmworker Village (Benchmark # 19)

Partner: Collier County Housing Authority

2,500,000 USDA (grant & loan)

- Single Family Homeownership – 85 units Habitat for Humanity (Benchmark # 18)

Partner: Habitat for Humanity

182,143 Federal Home Loan Bank Board for 30 units in Immokalee. CDBG grant for infrastructure has been filed, result pending

- Multi-Family Rental - Main Street Village -79 units, 2,3,4 bedroom apts. (Benchmark # 18)

Partner: Housing & Urban Improvement Department,DCA/

Tax credits

- Jubilation – Homeownership 105 garden, patio and custom homes (Benchmark # 18)

Partner: Harvest for Humanity

420,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Board (84 units)

Hendry County

- Housing Rehabilitation of 20 low income homes (Benchmark # 17)

Partner: Hendry County Government, SHIP Director

150,000 State DCA/SHIP funding Hendry County SHIP Department

750,000 State DCA/CDBG funding

900,000 TOTAL

Community Development (Benchmark 16)

Immokalee

- Transportation Circulator - "The Bus", painted & refurbished, bus stops identified and schedule in place, cost \$1, averages 50 riders a day in summer.

(Benchmark # 3)

Partners: Guadalupe Center, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Collier Government

USDA Technical Assistance Grant

- Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Deep well injection and collection system for Baker Street Area (Benchmark # 16)

Partner: Immokalee Water & Sewer Authority

4,752,000 USDA/RUS Enterprise Community set aside funding (grant & loan)

Community Image (Benchmark 21, 22, 23, 24, 25)

- Develop a volunteer program within the Immokalee Schools with the support of the Collier County Education Foundation. (Benchmark 21)

Partner: Collier County Public Schools Collier County Education Foundation

7,000 USDA Enterprise Community Funding CCEA Grant

- Sponsored landscaping and beautification project by planting trees, donated by US Sugar, in the Harlem Community (Benchmark 22)

Partner: US Sugar Trees donated by US Sugar

2,000 USDA/Enterprise Community funding

- Renovate the Harlem Civic Center (Phase I air conditioning) (Benchmark 23).

Partner: Hendry County Government

25,000 USDA Enterprise Community funding