

APALACHICOLA CRA ANNUAL REPORT

The City of Apalachicola Community Redevelopment Agency's report to the public on the CRA's activities and financials during FY 2016-2017

*Fiscal Year 2016 -
2017*

Introduction

The City of Apalachicola Community Redevelopment Agency is pleased to provide this annual report to the public on the CRA's activities and financials during FY 2016-2017 (October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017).

The Apalachicola Community Redevelopment Agency was created on January 3, 1989 by City ordinance 88-11 pursuant to Florida statute 163.387. The base taxable value in the tax increment area was established in 2014.

Board Members and Executive Director

During the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, the board members included Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Frank Cook, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Jim Bachrach, and Tom Morgan. Augusta West was named an ex-officio member. The following officers were elected: Jim Bachrach as Chair, Tom Morgan as Vice Chair, and Augusta West as Secretary. Augusta West was named Executive Director in August 2017.

Financial Information

At the end of FY 2016-2017, the fund balance was \$28,364. There were no other assets or liabilities. Income for FY 2016-2017 was a \$18,585.07 distribution from Franklin County for the tax increment financing on February 7, 2017. Operating expenses were \$850.03.

CRA Financial Information FY 2016-2017	
Assets	\$28,364
Liabilities	\$ -
Income	\$18,585.07
Operating Expenses	\$580.03

Note: Financial information was provided through a preliminary audit report from Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, and from the City of Apalachicola and Franklin County, Florida.

Activities

The CRA's activities during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year included the following:

A regular monthly meeting date and time were established and officers were elected.

The CRA's first Executive Director, Augusta West, was hired. She began by reviewing the CRA plan, funding sources, and documenting infrastructure needs, approximate costs, and funding resources and working with City staff to produce a prioritized list. The most urgent items identified were water and sewer projects including replacing a water line under Market Street, a dangerously corroded walkway at the wastewater treatment plant, upgrading the sewer system with a new vacuum and pump station, and funding the granulated active carbon filtration system to correct the Trihalomethane levels in the municipal drinking water that are out of compliance. In addition, a master plan to inform future infrastructure maintenance and replacement planning was recommended. Work also commenced on recommended updates to the CRA plan.

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