**Submission Date** 2018-04-10 02:12:29 **Date** 04-09-2018 **Agency Name** Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County Agency Fed. ID# 59-2850410 **Data Universal Number** 87-767-8078 (DUNS Number) **Central Contractor** Exempt from State Registration 489.103(18) **Registration (CCR Number) Agency Address** 509 E. Jackson St. Tampa FL 33602 **United States Contact Name** Richard Rogers **Phone Number** (813) 239-2242 **Fax Number** (813) 237-1967 E-mail: rrogers@habitathillsborough.org **PROJECT TITLE** Habitat Hillsborough Affordable Housing - Brandon, FL **Number of Persons Served** 5 low-income families **Number of Persons Served** 200+ volunteers (4,100 hours) **Federal Fund Sources** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for land purchase; Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) used for infrastructure **Federal Funds Amount** 148500 State Fund Sources Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) **State Funds Amount** 170500 **Other Fund Sources** Corporations Other Funds Amount 92500 **Matching Funds** 443975 **In-Kind Contributions** 17275 **Total Project Cost** 872750

Describe the project development and implementation (150 words or less)

Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County received a \$100,000 Community partnerships/collaborationsurroundialgpment Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and used the funds to purchase a parcel of land in Brandon, FL, an area in need of affordable housing options. We divided the land into five properties to build Habitat homes for low-income families in need of a decent place to live.

Thanks to the initial CDBG funds to purchase the land, we were able to secure major sponsors to cover costs to build the five homes for the low-income families and develop the surrounding community. The homes were built by hundreds of Habitat volunteers who have contributed over 4,100 volunteer hours. We also leveraged partnerships with financial institutions to provide financial classes for homeowners and to sell the homeowner mortgages which creates opportunity to replicate the process immediately and build even more homes for families.

Describe the primary project service area or client base and how it meets the needs of low-income families and neighborhoods (150 words or less)

The affordable housing crisis is affecting the Brandon area more significantly than the national average as rental prices are up 5.6% since last year, outpacing the national average of 2.7%. This leaves many low-income families doubling or tripling up in overcrowded conditions or living in unsafe structures or in unhealthy properties filled with mold or asbestos. Low-income individuals and families, who demonstrate a need, meet our eligibility criteria and who qualify for a Habitat mortgage, choose to partner with Habitat Hillsborough to build their dream of owning a home. They work alongside hundreds of volunteers and commit to at least 300 hours of sweat equity building homes for others as well as their own. In return they receive an affordable home with typically a zero interest mortgage and the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to be successful. Habitat uses the low monthly payments to build homes for more families.

Describe plans and activities that are in place to continue the project and can other agencies replicate in different loacations. (150 words or less)

These five affordable homes for low-income families are the first ever Habitat for Humanity homes built in Brandon, a community in need of affordable housing solutions for low-income families. Thanks to the seed funds from the CDBG, Habitat Hillsborough has begun to provide affordable housing solutions in this community and has established partnerships to sustain the long-term effort in the Brandon area. With local investors and volunteers on-hand in Brandon, Habitat Hillsborough will maintain and foster these relationships in effort to continue to build more affordable homes for low-income families. We then sell that mortgage to partnering financial institutions to provide funds immediately to build even more homes for low-income families. This successful model has been used by Habitat for Humanity nationwide, as well as internationally, and has proven to be a replicable, sustainable and effective model with a major impact on the affordable home crisis.

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If Winner, name of person who will accept the award at the conference Luncheon

Tina Swain

## **Authorization**

Contents of this application are true and has been duly authorized by the governing body of the agency named.