



2021 Legislative Positions

The Florida Redevelopment Association maintains a strong legislative presence in Tallahassee, advocating on behalf of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) throughout Florida. CRAs spur economic development, create jobs and instill a sense of community pride in Florida's communities. Through each community's redevelopment plan, slum and blight are targeted through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Property tax increment is generated when property values increase within a community redevelopment area. The CRA invests the tax increment revenues in a myriad of programs and projects based upon the goals and objectives of each community redevelopment plan. Redevelopment allows for communities to partner with private industry to spur growth creating economic partnerships for the benefit of all Floridians. To that end, the FRA will:

Support:

Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, which contains mechanisms for cities and counties to negotiate, establish, operate and fund Community Redevelopment Agencies. Previous changes in law have increased accountability and transparency on CRA operations.

Support:

Efforts to amend proposed building design legislation, exempting CRAs, that preempts local governments from applying land development regulations relating to building design elements to single or two-family housing units.

Oppose:

The FRA will oppose any attempts to dismantle or limit the operation or function of CRAs in their current form

Oppose:

Limitations on the ability to utilize Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Oppose:

Limitation or exemptions for certain entities to contribute to Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

The Florida Redevelopment Association supports a number of policies in different subject matter areas that pertain either directly or indirectly to CRAs, such as:

- Ensuring quality urban development planning/growth management
- Incentivizing renewable energy projects on the redevelopment of existing buildings/infrastructure
- Funding and local flexibility for the Florida Brownfields Association, which supports remediation efforts to spur redevelopment
- Supporting intra-urban and inter-urban multimodal transportation systems
- Ending the historic and yearly sweep of the State Housing Trust Funds
- Incentivizing policies that promote business growth and expansion for economic development