

Memphis, Tennessee Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
42	Memphis, TN	TN0010	144,917	40	49%	18%	79%

Memphis, Tennessee has a Round I Enterprise Community (EC) that has, in part, been designated as a Renewal Community (RC), thus Memphis lost its EC designation when it received an RC designation on January 1, 2002.

The Memphis RC Course of Action chooses the following strategies:

Reducing Tax Burdens

The Memphis and Shelby County Industrial Development Board (IDB) has implemented the City and County Payment-In-Lieu-of Taxes (PILOT) Program. The average tax abatement value for one year is \$223,210, according to 1999 PILOT statistics. Also, the average number of jobs created by a PILOT business is 149.

Improving Local Services

The Memphis Renewal Community will increase the level of efficiency of local services, such as those services funded by Families First and related Federal programs, which include job support services, child care and after school care for children of working residents. Through the Tennessee Career Center and the Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis, the City of Memphis will be able to move “job-ready” residents into employment. In addition, skills training will be offered for RC residents to prepare them for employment opportunities. Two best practice models from earlier HUD programs will be used. These are a database on employment openings that matches employers and RC residents and a “Residence Certification Program”.

Reducing Crime

The level of crime in Memphis has been declining in recent years. The Memphis Police Department has five COACT (Community ACTION) units in the community.

Reducing Government Requirements

Government requirements will be reduced in the Memphis RC through density bonuses, one-stop-shop assistance, fast track permitting, and a voluntary environmental compliance program.

Involving Community Partners

The City of Memphis will work in collaboration with a variety of private entities, neighborhood organizations and community groups. In order to encourage small and minority business development, the City of Memphis is establishing a Business One-Stop Center, also known as the Renaissance Business Center (“RBC”). Other key partners include the following:

- Center City Commission
- City of Memphis Administration
- Memphis Housing Authority
- United Way of the Mid-South
- Workforce Development Agency