



**GO FORWARD PINE BLUFF
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

Period: Jun 2017 – Mar 2018
(Nine Months)

	SOURCE	CITY	GFPB, INC	TOTAL
INCOME				
	Sales Tax	1,405,772.58		1,405,772.58
	Business Contributions		831,250.00	831,250.00
	Grants		32,250.00	32,250.00
	Individuals' Donations		26,450.00	26,450.00
	Fund Raising			0.00
	General Funds			0.00
	Interest	509.40	295.21	804.61
	Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	100.00
GROSS INCOME		1,406,281.98	890,345.21	2,296,627.19
EXPENSE				
	Municipal Master Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Downtown Square	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Downtown Historical District	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Incentive Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Food Court Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Neighborhood Assn/Watch Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Community Planning & Dev Coord	0.00	0.00	0.00
	PB Marketing Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Walking, Jogging, Biking Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Baseball Tournament	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Affordable Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Youth Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Basketball Tournament	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Community Gardens	0.00	0.00	0.00
	The Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Downtown Master Plan	0.00	72,883.28	72,883.28
	L.E.A.P./Education Alliance	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Candidates Development Institute	0.00	2,072.48	2,072.48
	* Festivals	183,066.61	0.00	183,066.61
	Blight Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Multipurpose Center	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Land Bank (URA)	2,594.92	0.00	2,594.92
	First Responders/Bridge the Gap	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Admin/Overhead	0.00	317,646.95	317,646.95
TOTAL EXPENSE		185,661.53	394,602.71	580,264.24
NET		1,220,620.45	495,742.50	1,716,362.95

* \$170,000 to Convention Center for three (3) festivals (Forward Fest, UAPB Homecoming and Basketball Tournament) they will implement.

WHAT HAS GFPB BEEN DOING?

Nonprofit, GFPB Inc. formed, and 501(c)3 obtained. Staff hired, Board elected and meeting.

The Community Design Center at the University of Arkansas is continuing to develop the Downtown Master Plan and Vision based on the three (3) listening sessions that were held in October of 2017.

The Candidates Development Institute was completed by the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce in the Fall of 2017. Twenty six (26) participants graduated. Seven (7) graduates from the Institute are currently campaigning for an office.

GFPB, Inc. and the City determined that all we wanted to accomplish with a Land Bank could be done sooner and more easily by reactivating the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). GFPB worked with our local delegation to pass state legislation reenacting the Urban Renewal Agency. The Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency has been activated with five(5) commissioners and has hired a new executive director. Four (4) community meetings have been planned for sharing the Central City Urban Renewal Plan. Following City Council approval, the URA will be the vehicle to remove blight from the city.

Crossroads, the first of several festivals sponsored in part by GFPB, Inc., was offered by The Southeast Arkansas Arts and Science Center. Several committees are at work planning other festivals for citizens to enjoy in 2018.

An Education Alliance has been formed that includes the three Pine Bluff school districts and our two (2) institutions of higher education. It meets monthly to share ideas and is working to execute a plan that will improve the public education offering in Pine Bluff.

The Workforce Development Task Force is a joint effort led by Steven Brown who is Chair of the Alliance, and Mildred Franco, the Executive Director of the Generator. The task force is comprised of representatives of all organizations/entities that are involved with workforce development. The task force is working to identify areas of duplication and deficiencies in the current workforce development efforts. The goal is to ensure workforce development efforts are geared toward the current needs of employees and employers.