

# Public Forum to Amend the 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Plan

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Chapel Hill Town Council  
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# Requested Action

- ❑ Receive public comment on proposed amendment to the 2020-2021 CDBG Program
- ❑ Close the public forum
- ❑ Consider taking action to amend the program plan



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# CDBG Program Overview

- The Town receives CDBG funding annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for:
  1. Providing decent affordable housing
  2. Creating suitable living environments
  3. Expanding economic opportunity
- Entitlement community designation



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# CDBG National Objectives

- 1. Benefit low/moderate income households**
  - Households earning less than 80% Area Median Income (AMI=\$90,900; 80% AMI = \$72,700 for household of 4)
- 2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight**
- 3. Meet an urgent need**



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# CDBG Eligible Activities

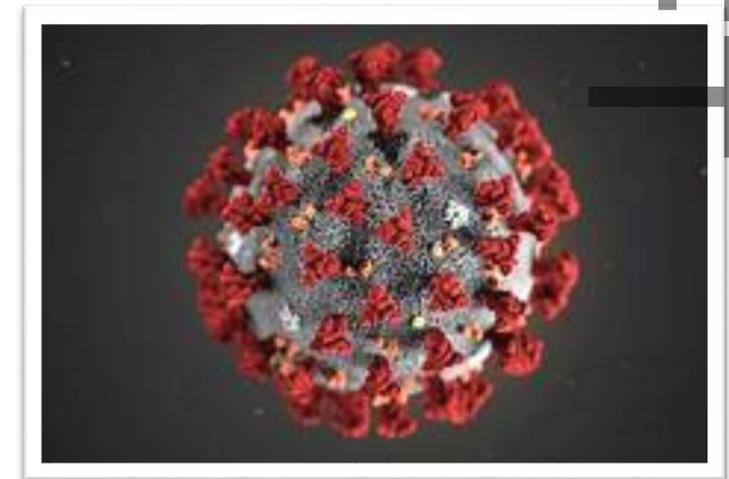
1. Acquisition
2. Homebuyer Assistance
3. Housing Rehabilitation
4. Public Facilities
5. Public Services



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# Guidance from HUD in Response to COVID-19

- Reduced the Public Notice requirements
- Approved the use of virtual meetings
- Removed the public service limits for FY 20, FY 21 and CDBG-CV



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# Proposed Amendments

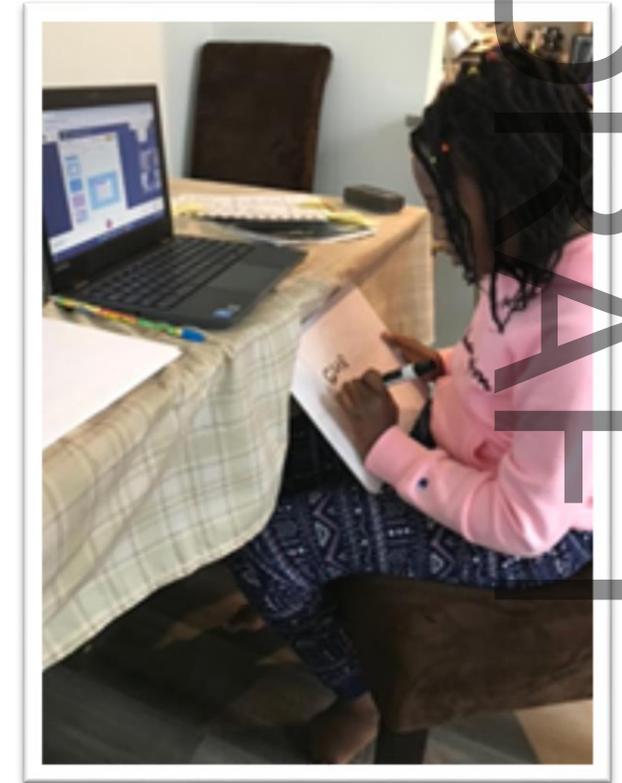
1. Allocate \$290,902 of new CDBG-CV Round 3 funds
2. Reallocate \$235,399 of CDBG 2020-2021 to Emergency Housing Assistance and Community Outreach and Education



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# Proposed New Program Activity Details

1. Neighborhood Support Circles - \$210,902
  - ❑ Remote learning support and childcare for low-income students
  - ❑ Will increase from 12 to 14 NSCs
  
2. Remote Learning Scholarships - \$35,000
  - ❑ 10 scholarships for full-time care for low-income students
  - ❑ Structured online learning support and academic enrichment



# Proposed New Program Activity Details

## 3. Weekly Food Bank – \$45,000

- Site Coordinator staff position
- Supplies for the weekly operation

## 4. Community Outreach and Education - \$50,000

- \$37,674 to El Centro Hispano, Inc. for Latino Outreach Program
- \$12,326 for the Town or other identified partner agencies for education on COVID-19 and vaccination efforts



# Amended 2020-21 CDBG Program Details

## 1. Emergency Housing Assistance – \$321,132

- Previous award - \$135,733
- Temporary assistance for rent, mortgage or utilities to Chapel Hill residents

## 2. Summer Youth Employment Program - \$20,000

- Previous award - \$57,648
- Work-force training and job experience for low-income youth
- The Town staff anticipate a reduced number of placements this summer

## 3. Neighborhood Revitalization - \$0

- Previous award - \$197,815
- Reallocating funds to address current COVID-19 community needs



# Proposed Amended 2020-2021 CDBG Program Plan

Recipient	Program	Approved Plan	Amended Plan	Change in Funding
<b>Public Services</b>				
Town of Chapel Hill	Summer Youth Employment Program	57,648	20,000	(37,648)
Exchange Club's Family Center	Children's Parenting Classes	5,000	5,000	-
Inter-Faith Council	Homelessness Case Management	109,960	109,960	-
Town of Chapel Hill / El Centro	Community Outreach and Education	-	50,000	50,000
Refugee Community Partnership	Neighborhood Support Circles	-	210,902	210,902
Town of Chapel Hill	Remote Learning Scholarships	-	35,000	35,000
Town of Chapel Hill	Food Bank	-	45,000	45,000
		<b>\$172,608</b>	<b>\$475,862</b>	
<b>Affordable Housing</b>				
Community Home Trust	Homebuyer Assistance	30,000	30,000	-
Home Repair Set-Aside	Home Preservation	27,000	27,000	-
Rebuilding Together of the Triangle	Home Preservation	24,000	24,000	-
Town of Chapel Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	197,815	-	(197,815)
Town of Chapel Hill	Emergency Housing Assistance	135,733	321,132	185,399
		<b>\$414,548</b>	<b>\$402,132</b>	
<b>Administration</b>		<b>83,531</b>	<b>83,531</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$670,687</b>	<b>\$961,525</b>	<b>\$290,838</b>

# Next Steps

- Revise 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan included in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and submit to HUD
- Funding available immediately



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# Recommendation

- ❑ Open the Public Forum to receive comments
- ❑ Adopt resolution approving amendment to the 2020-2021 CDBG Program
- ❑ Enact two budget ordinances:
  1. To amend the 2020-2021 CDBG budget
  2. To accept and appropriate the CDBG-CV Round 3 budget



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