

02-15-2023 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #4: Approve Amending the 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan

Council Question:

Is this time sensitive, or can it be put through MMC or be part of the larger question/issue of how our AH and housing initiatives work together? Do we want to be using this money for county initiatives? Can we use it for CH housing projects instead? I'm not steeped in this stuff so not sure if this is even possible uses of this money.

Staff Response:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be approved by all four Boards that are members of the HOME Consortium (Orange County, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough) this month so that it can be submitted to HUD for review and approval in March. If HUD does not receive the plan by March 31st, the Consortium will lose \$1.37 million in HOME-ARP funding to support affordable housing projects in the community.

Orange County is the lead entity for HOME Investment Partnership funds, including the one-time HOME-ARP award from HUD. All four jurisdictions make decisions together on how to use the funds county-wide.

Applications to use the \$1.16 million designated in the Allocation Plan for Affordable Rental Housing Development will be accepted later this spring after the plan is approved by HUD. Projects located in Chapel Hill will be eligible to submit a HOME-ARP application. The elected representative from each jurisdiction that serves on the Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative will review applications received and develop a recommended funding plan with specific project allocations, which will go back to all four boards for approval in late spring/summer.