

Summary of Funding Requests and Preliminary Recommendations

The summary below reflects the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Review Committee's recommendation for 2019-2020 CDBG funding, in the total amount of \$418,344. This estimated amount is based on the Town's current year allocation. If the Town receives a reduction in funding for FY19-20, the committee's recommendation includes reducing funding for the Inter-Faith Council's HomeStart Case Management (in order not to exceed the HUD imposed 15% cap for public services), administration (in order not to exceed the HUD imposed 20% cap for administration), and the Town's Neighborhood Revitalization Activities.

Affordable Housing

1. Town of Chapel Hill Requests

Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: \$195,135

We request that the Council budget funds for neighborhood revitalization activities throughout Town. Activities would serve households earning less than 80% of the HUD published area median income. Funds could be used for the following activities: second mortgage assistance; property acquisition and/or renovation; code enforcement; demolition; public housing improvements; public improvements such as installation of sidewalks; curb and gutter improvements; or parks and recreation facilities.

The Town Manager would approve projects, which must demonstrate compliance with Town policies and federal regulations.

Code Enforcement: \$25,000

We request funds to continue to support the Town's enforcement initiatives identified as a priority in the Northside and Pine Knolls Community Plan. Funds would pay for a portion of code enforcement initiatives in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

2. **Community Home Trust – Homebuyer Assistance Program: \$30,000**

The Community Home Trust requests \$30,000 for its Homebuyer Assistance Program. These funds would be used to make land trust homes more affordable to households earning between 60% and 80% of the area median income

3. **Habitat for Humanity – Home Preservation: \$27,000**

Habitat for Humanity requests \$45,000 for its Home Preservation program. The Home Preservation program addresses the needs of low-income homeowners for repairs, accessibility modifications, and beautification. This initiative would focus on homes in the

Northside, Pine Knolls, and Rogers Road neighborhoods. This program serves households earning less than 80% of the area median income.

At the time of application for 2019-2020 funds, Habitat had an unexpended balance of \$63,767 in previously awarded CDBG funds. Based on the unexpended balance, the Committee recommends partial funding of Habitat's 2019-2020 request.

Public Services

The use of funds for public services that benefit households earning less than 80% of the area median income is eligible under federal Community Development regulations. Examples of public service activities include programs focusing on employment, crime prevention, child care, healthcare, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homebuyer down payment assistance or recreational needs. The amount of CDBG funds used for public services is capped at 15% of the Town's Community Development grant.

1. Inter-Faith Council For Social Service (IFC): \$28,500

IFC requests \$17,200 to continue salary support of a full-time case manager for the HomeStart residential program to assist families experiencing homelessness in obtaining shelter and securing permanent affordable housing. During agency presentations, the Committee learned that in addition to the full-time case manager, IFC has a part-time (12 hours/week) case manager. The Committee expressed interest in funding IFC's request, and additionally supporting increased hours (to 20 hours/week) of the part-time case manager.

2. Town of Chapel Hill Summer Youth Employment Program: \$27,000

We request \$27,000 for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This program, managed jointly by Housing and Community and the Police Department, provides job skills training, employment experience, and economic opportunities to Chapel Hill youth aged 14-18 whose families earn less than 80% of the area median income, with the majority being from households earning less than 30% of the area median income. Many of the participants serve as interns in Town departments. Last summer, there were over thirty participants in the program, and this year we propose to enroll the same number. The Council has allocated CDBG funds to support this program since 1994.

3. Exchange Club's Family Center of Alamance County: \$2,040

The Exchange Club's Family Center requests \$2,040 to support Children's Parents Parenting classes to provide parenting classes to families at-risk for and/or involved in child abuse or neglect. Professionally trained instructors use tested curricula to teach the parents and trained childcare workers provide trauma-informed care and instruction to the children of the parents in the classes during class times.

Program Administration: \$83,669

We request that the Council allocate funds to support oversight of the CDBG program and related affordable housing programs, as well as coordination with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and agencies that receive funding to maintain compliance with federal regulations.

Applications Not Considered for Funding

Hope Renovations

Hope Renovations submitted an application requesting \$18,912 to support an Aging-in-Place Repair Program. As a newly created organization, Hope Renovations was unable to meet the application requirements, which required a 501(c)(3) letter, financial statements, and Certificate of Insurance.

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