

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

**Chapel Hill Town Council
January 27, 2021**



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



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



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**



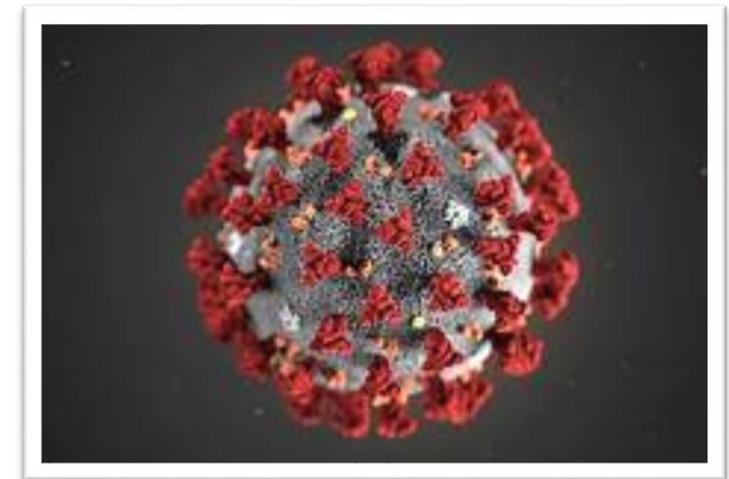
CDBG Eligible Activities

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



Guidance from HUD in Response to COVID-19

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



Proposed Amendments

1. Allocate \$290,902 of new CDBG-CV Round 3 funds
2. Reallocate \$235,399 of CDBG 2020-2021



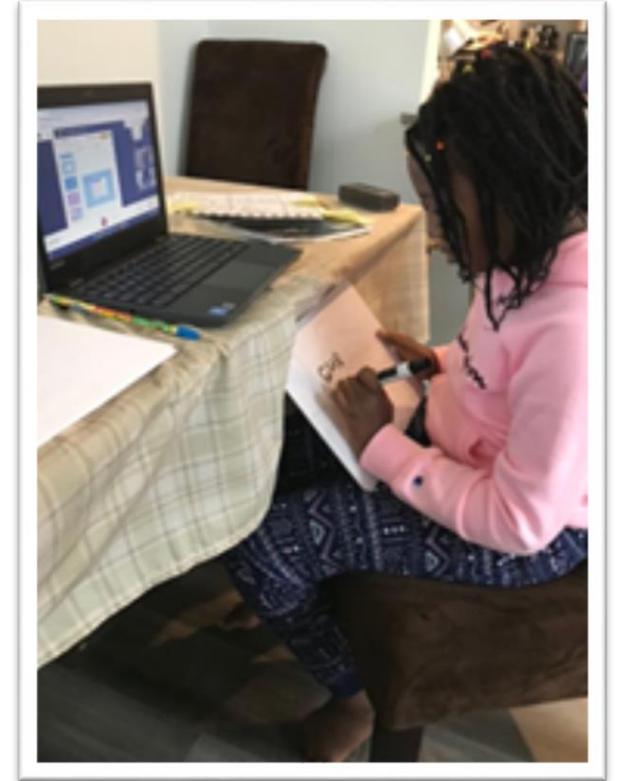
Proposed New Program Activity Details

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

- ❑ 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
Public Services				
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
		\$172,608	\$475,862	
Affordable Housing				
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
		\$414,548	\$402,132	
Administration		83,531	83,531	-
Total		\$670,687	\$961,525	\$290,838

Next Steps

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



Recommendation

- ❑ Open the Public Forum to receive comments
- ❑ Close the public forum
- ❑ Adopt resolution R-5 approving amendment to the 2020-2021 CDBG Program
- ❑ Enact two budget ordinances:
 1. 0-5 to amend the 2020-2021 CDBG budget
 2. 0-6 to create the CDBG-CV Round 3 budget



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