



2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Summary



Agency	Activity	Approved Plan	Proposed Amendment	Change in Funding
Town of Chapel Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	\$197,815	\$0	(\$197,815)
Town of Chapel Hill/ Orange County	Emergency Housing Assistance	135,733	321,132	185,399
Town of Chapel Hill	Food Bank Staffing and Supplies	0	45,000	45,000
Town of Chapel Hill	Summer Youth Employment Program	57,648	20,000	(37,648)
Town of Chapel Hill and El Centro Hispano, Inc.	COVID-19 and Vaccine Community Outreach and Education	0	50,000	50,000
Community Home Trust	Homebuyer Assistance	30,000	30,000	0
Home Repair Set-Aside	Home Preservation	27,000	27,000	0
Rebuilding Together of the Triangle	Home Preservation	24,000	24,000	0
Refugee Community Partnerships	Neighborhood Support Circles	0	210,902	210,902
YMCA	Scholastic Support Center Program	0	35,000	35,000
Inter Faith Council	Homestart Case Management	109,960	109,960	0
Exchange Club's Family Center	Children's Parenting Classes	5,000	5,000	0
Town of Chapel Hill - Administration	Grant Administration/Compliance and Reporting	83,531	83,531	0
Total		\$670,687	\$961,525	\$290,838

New Program Activities:

1. Neighborhood Support Circles (Refugee Community Partnership) - \$210,902

- Neighborhood Support Circles (NSC) provide neighborhood-based remote learning support and childcare for low-income school age children, allowing the parents to return to work and helping the children succeed in school.
- NSCs provide support in English, Spanish, Burmese, Karen, Chin, and Swahili/Kinyarwanda, facilitating connections between students, families, and the schools.
- RCP will be able to continue the program for the spring semester, and increase from 12 NSCs to 14.

2. Remote Learning Scholarships - \$35,000

- Remote Learning Scholarships will allow 10 low-income students to attend a remote learning center at no cost.
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the care providers

3. Food Bank (Town of Chapel Hill) - \$45,000

- The weekly Food Bank will be able to maintain a part-time staff position to serve as the Site Coordinator, who manages supplies and communicates with food providers allowing them to better meet continued demand.
- Funding will allow Food Bank staff to purchase supplies for the weekly operation.

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

- \$37,674 to El Centro Hispano, Inc. to fund two full-time positions serving Chapel Hill through the end of June for its Latino Outreach program, which provides education to the Latino/a community during the pandemic. Specifically, El Centro shares information about COVID-19 illness, prevention, care, and vaccination. The Community Health Workers also help respond to people's urgent needs by providing food, masks, and connecting community members with emergency housing assistance and other community resources.
- \$12,326 will be available to the Town or outside partner agencies for outreach and education about COVID-19 and vaccination efforts to other vulnerable populations.

Amended Program Activities

1. Emergency Housing Assistance - \$321,132 recommended

- Previous award - \$135,733
- The Town of Chapel Hill's Emergency Housing Assistance program is administered by Orange County and provides temporary assistance for rent, mortgage or utilities to Chapel Hill residents experiencing financial difficulties due to COVID-19.

2. Town of Chapel Hill Summer Youth Employment Program - \$20,000 recommended

- Previous award – \$57,648
- The Town's Summer Youth Employment Program provides workforce training and on-the-job experience for youth from low-income households through supervised work placements in Town departments and non-profits
- The Town did not offer the program last summer due to COVID-19 and, if viable this summer, we anticipate a reduced number of placements.

3. Neighborhood Revitalization - \$0 recommended

- Previous award - \$197,751
- The proposed plan would use these funds instead for Emergency Housing Assistance and Community Outreach and Education as described above, responding to immediate COVID-19 related needs of the community.
- The Neighborhood Revitalization activity typically provides a flexible source of funding not assigned to a specific activity, allowing us to be responsive to projects identified throughout the year.
- The Town has not received requests for the use of these funds and we have not identified a Town project. Other sources of funding could be considered if projects are

identified in the future, such as the Affordable Housing Fund, the Affordable Housing Development Reserve, or future CDBG Program funds.

Ongoing Program Activities

1. Inter-Faith Council for Social Services (IFC) - \$109,960

- IFC provides case management to families and individuals experiencing homelessness to assist them in obtaining shelter and securing permanent affordable housing, as well as referrals to resources for mental health and other needs.

2. Exchange Club's Family Center of the Central Piedmont - \$5,000

- The Exchange Club's Family Center offers parenting classes to families at-risk for and/or involved in child abuse and neglect through the Children's Parents program. Children are provided trauma-informed childcare that helps promote emotional resiliency and social competency.

3. Community Home Trust (CHT) - \$30,000 for Homebuyer Assistance Program

- CHT makes land trust homes more affordable to households earning between 60% and 80% of the area median income to promote stability and self-sufficiency through homeownership, while preserving long-term affordability through 99-year renewable ground leases.

4. Rebuilding Together of the Triangle (RTT) - \$24,000

- RTT provides applicant intake, home assessment, work scope and bid preparation, and contract management for low-income homeowner home preservation projects identified and completed through the partnership of the Orange County Home Preservation Coalition.

5. Home Repair Set Aside - \$27,000

- Funds reserved for Home Preservation projects for low-income homeowners identified through outside partner agency partners. Projects can include repairs, accessibility modifications, weatherization and beautification.

6. Program Administration - \$83,669

- Funds used to partially fund 3 positions responsible for administration and implementation of the CDBG program.