

Summary of 2021-2022 CDBG Funding Requests and Application Review Committee Recommendations

The summary below is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Review Committee's recommendation for 2021-2022 CDBG funding, in the total amount of \$419,565, which includes a 2021-2022 CDBG grant award of \$412,226 plus \$7,339 program income. The program income was received from the repayment of a loan made in 2008 to support development of the Dobbins Hill affordable rental units.

| Program | Requested | Recommended Plan |
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| Public Services - 15% Cap of \$62,935 | | |
| Inter-Faith Council - Homeless Case Management | \$ 106,460 | \$ 57,685 |
| Exchange Club's Family Center | \$ 5,250 | \$ 5,250 |
| Total | \$ 111,710 | \$ 62,935 |
| Affordable Housing | | |
| EmPOWERment Inc. - Acquisition | \$ 105,000 | \$ 135,000 |
| Rebuilding Together of the Triangle Home Repairs | \$ 60,000 | \$ 60,000 |
| Rebuilding Together of the Triangle Admin | \$ 24,000 | \$ 24,000 |
| Neighborhood Revitalization | | \$ 53,717 |
| Total | \$ 189,000 | \$ 272,717 |
| Administration - 20% Cap of \$83,913 | | |
| Total | \$ 384,623 | \$ 419,565 |

Affordable Housing

1. **EmPOWERment Inc. – Affordable Rental Duplex Acquisition and Rehabilitation: \$ 135,000**
Requested Amount: \$105,000

Proposed Use: Acquire a rental duplex located at 706 Gomains currently held in the Northside Land Bank. Both units are rented to Housing Choice Voucher holders, who will remain the tenants. The units will also remain affordable to future households earning 80% of the area median income or less, maintaining two units of permanently affordable rental housing while also freeing up land bank funds to preserve more units for affordable housing.

The amount requested is half the amount needed for purchase; EmPOWERment is applying for the other half of the purchase price through HOME funds administered by the County.

Committee Recommendation: \$135,000 for purchase and to fully fund the needed rehabilitation.

2. **Rebuilding Together of the Triangle – Rehabilitation Services and Home Repairs: \$ 84,000**

Requested Amount: \$84,000

Proposed Uses: \$24,000 for Rehabilitation Services to support the work of the Orange County Home Preservation Coalition (OCHPC), providing applicant intake, home assessments, work scopes, bid preparation, and project management of low-income homeowner repair and accessibility modification projects.

\$60,000 for repair projects identified through Rehabilitation Services to be completed by an OCHPC member agency/agencies and coordinated by Rebuilding Together. This program will serve at least six households earning 80% of the area median income or less.

FY 2020-21 was the first year the Home Preservation program was structured this way; and despite the challenges of COVID-19, the project will be completed as scheduled by June 30, 2021.

Committee Recommendation: \$84,000 to fully fund the request.

3. **Town of Chapel Hill - Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: \$ 53,717**

Proposed Uses: A flexible pool of funding to be used for Affordable Housing projects identified throughout the year. Example activities are: second mortgage assistance; property acquisition and/or renovation; code enforcement; demolition; public housing improvements; public improvements such as installation of sidewalks; or parks and recreation facilities.

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

Committee Recommendation: Allocate the balance of the CDBG award to allow flexibility.

Public Services

Public service activities, such as programs focusing on employment, childcare, healthcare, and education are eligible to be funded through the CDBG program. Federal regulations cap the amount of CDBG funds used for public services at 15% of the Town's grant plus program income equaling \$62,935 for FY 21-22.

1. **The Exchange Club's Family Center of Alamance County: \$ 5,250**

Requested Amount: \$5,250

Proposed Use: The Children’s Parents program provides 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.

Committee Recommendation: \$5,250 to fully fund the request.

2. **Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC): \$ 57,685**

Requested Amount: \$106,460

Proposed Use: Case Managers for IFC’s residential programs to assist households experiencing homelessness in obtaining shelter and securing permanent affordable housing.

Committee Recommendation: \$57,685, the maximum amount remaining within the 15% public services cap.

Program Administration: \$ 83,913

The Committee requests the Council allocate funds to support oversight of the CDBG and related affordable housing programs.

All applications for 2021-2022 CDBG Program funding are eligible and included in the recommendations.

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