

Summary of 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Requests and Recommendations

The summary below reflects the committee's recommendation for full funding of all requests, in the total amount of \$425,683.

Affordable Housing

1. Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: \$187,089

We request that the Council budget \$187,089 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 or his/her designee would approve projects, which must demonstrate compliance with Town policies and federal regulations.

2. Habitat for Humanity – Home Preservation: \$50,000

Habitat for Humanity requests \$50,000 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 10 homes in the Northside, Pine Knolls, and Rogers Road neighborhoods. This project would serve households earning less than 80% of the area median income.

3. Community Home Trust – Homebuyer Assistance Program: \$40,000

The Community Home Trust requested \$40,000 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.

4. Code Enforcement: \$25,000

We request use of \$25,000 of Community Development funds to continue to support the Town's enforcement initiatives identified as a priority in the Northside and Pine Knolls Community Plan. Funds could pay for a portion of salaries for code enforcement staff providing enforcement efforts or activities related to enforcement in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

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 Community Development funds used for public services is capped at 15% of the Town's Community Development grant.

1. Town of Chapel Hill Summer Youth Employment Program: \$24,000

We request \$24,000 for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This program 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, Housing and Community staff expects to enroll the same number. The Council has allocated Community Development funds to support this program since 1994.

2. InterFaith Council For Social Service (IFC): \$15,926

IFC requests funds 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.

Program Administration: \$83,668

Town staff requests that the Council allocate \$83,668 in administrative funds to support oversight of the Community Development 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.