

09-19-2022 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #1: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Partner Application Update

Council Question:

Since we awarded CEF funding for their homebuyers program through the HOME program, do they still need this funding, as well?

Staff Response:

This organization was awarded HOME funding from Orange County as well as CDBG funding from the Town for 2022-2023 before they applied for ARPA funding. Their budget indicates they need two years of each type of funding as well as ARPA funding to complete the Homebuyers Program. Staff has reached out to confirm that CEF needs all three funding sources and hopes to have clarification by the Work Session tonight.

Council Question:

I noted that the description of the Compass Center's Lethality Assessment Protocol program is incorrect (duplicates their other application description) Could that please be corrected?

Staff Response:

The corrected summary for the Lethality Assessment Program is below and will be corrected in the presentation tonight:

Hire new Program Manager and Assistants for Lethality Assessment Program including direct connect service for domestic violence victims and law enforcement officers, staff training, and direct client assistance such as hotel stays, interpretation and transportation.

Council Question:

Several of the top rated programs related to food access seem overlapping or at least similar. Could staff possibly provide some recommendations around them or perhaps a summary of how they are similar and different?

Staff Response:

Staff has created and attached an additional spreadsheet that provides more detail on the food programs.

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Council Question:

OWASA has a proposal in to offset outstanding water bills with ARPA funds.... Can you explain the process for reimbursing OWASA that would take place to ensure that the funds from CH go to CH businesses and residents (given that OWASA serves beyond municipal limits) and that we are ensuring they qualify for those funds?

Staff Response:

If Council chooses to award OWASA ARPA funding for the outstanding water bills, the Town will work with OWASA to ensure that a process is put in place to make sure that our funds go to Chapel Hill businesses and residents (ex: require documentation that provides business or resident names and balances that our funds will cover).