

03-09-2022 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #13: Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness Update

Council Question:

How much funding and from what sources does the Town provide to IFC and PEH annually - can we look at the last two years as well as a few pre-COVID years, recognizing that COVID-related funding impacted those amounts?

Staff Response:

Over the last five years, the Town has provided a total of \$383,662 to the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness from the General Fund Budget. Additionally, the Town Council approved up to \$38,860 in this year’s budget to support a SOHRAD position at Orange County to provide outreach to the unsheltered homeless population in our community. The Town also has provided a total of \$413,817 over that same period to Inter Faith Council (IFC) to support their shelter, community kitchen, and case management services from our Human Services and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs and Affordable Housing Fund. See the tables below for additional details about the Town’s contributions by year.

Town Funding for Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness:

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
Amount	\$45,306	\$63,899	\$81,857	\$96,300	\$96,300	\$383,662

Town Funding for Inter Faith Council (IFC) By Year:

Fiscal Year	CDBG	Human Services	Affordable Housing Fund	Total By Year
2018	\$14,746	\$25,000		\$39,746
2019	\$15,926	\$29,000		\$44,926
2020	\$28,500	\$36,000		\$64,500
2021	\$109,960	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$156,960
2022	\$57,685	\$50,000		\$107,685
Total By Source	\$226,817	\$177,000	\$10,000	\$413,817

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Did the Town provide funding for the EHA program pre-COVID? If so, how much and from what source(s)?

Staff Response:

The Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program was developed in early 2020 as a coordinating tool between the Towns and the County to provide emergency assistance to Orange County residents experiencing housing crisis. Staff developed EHA based on lessons learned from the Towns and the County implementing their own similar rental and utility assistance programs. The guidelines for the program were more limiting than EHA and it provided assistance to about 15 households per year. Funding for the Town’s Rental and Utility Assistance Program came from the Affordable Housing Fund. See below the amount of assistance provided from the Rental and Utility Assistance Program by year.

Rental and Utility Deposit Assistance Program

Allocation Year	Assistance Provided
FY15	\$ 8,173
FY16	\$ 4,725
FY17	\$ 4,155
FY18	\$ 12,253
FY19	\$ 14,520
FY20	\$ 34,227
Total	\$ 78,052