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Subject: Council Question: Item 7: DACA support

Council Question: Re: R5, DACA Renewal Assistance, which I am generally very supportive of: If El Centro is asking for reimbursement for the assistance they have already provided (per the resolution on pg 34), why are we allocating \$5k instead of \$1k for the two CH individuals who have received assistance, at \$500 each? The numbers just seem all off to me if Durham has the greatest number but Carrboro is allocating the most, etc. If this is intended to be support for individuals around the Triangle and not just within CH, then we need to be transparent about that.

I know this is a very small amount of money, but we should always be striving for complete transparency and I would personally like to see us be mindful of how we structure partnerships with Durham so our residents, tax base, etc. are prioritized (more of a county to county issue at this point, and this is definitely not the issue to make a big fuss about, but hopefully you get my point).

Council Question: I am very glad we are allocating funds to support DACA fees. Was the amount of \$5,000 landed on based on the estimated demand for assistance per El Centro Hispano? Could we consider increasing that amount to at least match Carrboro's amount, given our larger population?

Staff Response: *As indicated in the resolution, staff are proposing authorizing assistance to DACA renewal for Chapel Hill residents only. El Centro will rely on funding to assist with renewal fees provided by the municipalities in which each DACA beneficiaries reside, so Durham funding assists Durham residents, Chapel Hill funding assist Chapel Hill residents, etc.*

The amount of the assistance proposed was based on estimated need from El Centro, as well as available resources within the Housing and Community budget. Given the ongoing efforts of El Centro to provide assistance with DACA renewal, we propose establishing a performance agreement in the amount not to exceed \$5,000, which would provide assistance with 10 DACA renewals for Chapel Hill residents. The Town would reimburse El Centro for the DACA renewals already provided, as well as accommodate assistance for up to 8 additional renewals for Chapel Hill residents. If El Centro assists with more than 10 DACA renewals and identifies that additional assistance is needed, we will re-evaluate setting aside additional resources, based on the demonstrated need, budgetary considerations, and Council priorities. Staff is not aware of the basis on which Carrboro based its level of assistance, however according to El Centro, they have provided assistance for DACA renewal to 1 Carrboro resident to date.

Council Question: How many Chapel Hill residents are DACA eligible?

Staff Response: *The Migration Policy Institute estimates that there are approximately 3,000 DACA eligible residents of Orange County. Given that Chapel Hill is one of the largest population centers in the County, as well as a hub for employment and educational institutions, it is reasonable to assume that many DACA eligible Orange County residents reside in Chapel Hill.*

Council Question: How many CH residents can be assisted with the proposed \$5K reimbursement?

Staff Response: *Ten (10) Chapel Hill residents could be assisted with the proposed \$5,000 performance agreement proposed to be established with El Centro Hispano, as DACA renewal fees are \$500 per person. The full \$5,000 would go towards renewal fee reimbursements to El Centro.*