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ITEM #2: Adopt the Recommended 2018-2019 Capital Fund Program for Public Housing Renovations

Council Question: When was the notification from HUD received that the amount of the 2018-2019 Capital Fund grant is \$782,242?

Staff Response: *The Town received official notification about the amount of the Capital Fund award in July, 2018.*

Council Question: What suggestions did residents offer in March 2018, when Housing staff met with residents of public housing to receive comments and suggestions on the use of the Capital Fund grant?

Staff Response: *The Resident Advisory Board held a meeting on Thursday, March 29, and offered the following suggestions for use of the Capital Fund grant for consideration:*

- *Reseed and put down grass seed.*
- *Pick up leaves before they kill the new grass.*
- *Remove dead trees or trim trees and all hedges that are blocking windows.*
- *Publish a resource guide/booklet for the residents listing current activities or services that are available in and around Chapel Hill.*
- *Provide daycare services for residents with small children.*
- *Install new cabinets in all units.*
- *Install water hose spigots outside of all units that do not have them.*

Council Question: On p. 7, under “Key Issues,” it references that staff continues to review how we allocate available resources and explores alternative options for providing public housing. What alternative options are currently being explored?

Staff Response: *During the development of the Public Housing Master Plan, several ideas were proposed and explored as alternative ways the Town could provide public housing. Some of the alternative options discussed were:*

- *Creating mixed income developments*
- *Re-designing some of our units to create increased density*
- *Further exploration of RAD conversion which could allow redevelopment, renovation, or rehabilitation of our existing units*

Council Question: What is the estimated timeline for completion for the public housing plan?

Staff Response: *We will present their Public Housing Master Plan to the Council on October 10, 2018.*

Council Question: Are these kinds of updates being reported back out to the public housing community, outside of this meeting?

Staff Response: *Tenants and residents are informed of most updates via newsletters, community meetings, and events held by staff in various public housing neighborhoods. As we develop a*

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database of residents' email addresses, there may be opportunity for further engagement via email. Staff will also distribute these questions raised by the Council and our staff responses to residents.