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ITEM #5: Consider Inter Faith Council (IFC) Funding Request for the Food First Project

Council Question: Does the Town have a history of supporting the capital campaigns of nonprofits? If so, what are some recent examples of campaigns we have supported and at what amounts?

Council Question: Has the Town ever made a similar commitment to a non-profit's capital campaign. If yes, which ones and what criteria were used in making the determination? Have we received similar requests in the past that we declined?

Staff Response: *We do not believe that the Town has made financial commitments to support a non-profit organization's capital campaign. However, the Town has a history of providing support to non-profit organizations through financial support, land donations, and provision of program space.*

Council Question: Can we hear more about what IFC plans to do with \$300K? What will be achieved with that amount?

Staff Response: *We will ask the IFC to provide information about its plans for use of Town funds during the presentation.*

Council Question: Is there any connection between this project and the Food Council idea that has come before us in the past?

Staff Response: *The IFC Food First and the Orange County Food Council are not connected as it relates to this request for funding. We understand that IFC is a member of the Food Council Board and participates in a work group associated with the Food Council.*

Council Question: Just to clarify, is IFC requesting that the Town make the pledge starting with funds in the FY 2019 budget, or has IFC not specified which budget?

Staff Response: *Yes, IFC requests a contribution from the Town beginning in the current fiscal year 2019 budget.*

Council Question: Can someone describe, generally, what the Outside Agency funding application process entails?

Staff Response: *The annual [Outside Agency process](#) is designed for organizations interested in delivering programs and services to Chapel Hill residents. Agencies are required to submit an application to provide detailed information about the proposed program and demonstrate how*

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their program meets the Town's Strategic Priorities identified in the Council adopted [Results Framework](#). Typically, applications are made available in November, submitted in January, evaluated during the Town's annual budget process, and approved by the Town Council in June. The Town also receives requests from outside agencies that provide programs and services through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as well as the general fund (i.e. -Community Home Trust, EmPOWERment Inc., the Orange County Visitors Bureau, the Arts Center, and Piedmont Wildlife Center).

Council Question: How much progress has been made toward the Food First Capital Campaign's goal of \$5.3 million?

Staff Response: *IFC informed us that as of last Friday, they have raised approximately \$4.3 million of the \$5.3 million goal. We will ask IFC to provide more information on its funding sources to date during their presentation on Wednesday evening.*

Council Question: Is IFC making a request of other municipalities and the county as well? If so, what is the status of those requests?

Staff Response: *IFC requested funds from both the Town of Carrboro through the Human Services Program, and to Orange County. The Human Services Commission of the Town of Carrboro did not recommend funding this request citing a preference to provide funding for programs and services rather than capital campaigns. The Orange County Board of Commissioners approved a \$100,000 low-interest loan to IFC in the current fiscal year for its capital campaign.*

Council Question: Can you please share some of the history of the Town's financial support to IFC - to the Community Kitchen, Homestart, and Community House and any other programs - over the past maybe 10 years? How much support is IFC currently receiving from the Town?

Staff Response: *Over the past 10 years, the Town has provided a total of \$497,969 to IFC in the following manner:*

- *\$163,700 of Human Services Funding for operating support*
- *\$3,000 of Human Services Funding for the Food for Summer Program*
- *\$287,663 of CDBG funds for predevelopment costs for the Community House transitional facility for men*
- *\$43,606 of CDBG funds for case management for HomeStart transitional shelter for women and children*
- *Use of Historic Town Hall (Town provides utilities and maintenance of the facility)*

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In FY 19, the Town has entered into performance agreements with IFC totaling \$46,426 for the following programs and services:

- *\$15,926 of Community Development Block Grant funding to support a case manager position at Homestart (transitional shelter for women and children)*
- *\$29,000 in Human Services funding for operational support*
- *\$1,500 in Human Services funding for the Food for Summer program*
- *Use of Historic own Hall at no cost to IFC (Town provides utilities and maintenance of the facility)*