

**03-20-2019 Town Council Meeting**  
**Responses to Council Questions**

**ITEM #5: Public Forum: 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Plan**

**Council Question:** What kind of public housing improvements would be made with the allocation to neighborhood revitalization activities referenced on p. 65?

**Staff Response:** *The Neighborhood Revitalization category would provide a flexible funding source that the Town could use to address needs as they arise, with approval from the Town Manager. This funding may be used for a broad range of projects, which include possible public housing improvements. Historically, we have used CDBG, in combination with Public Housing funds for rehabilitation and to address needed repairs.*

**Council Question:** What particular kinds of costs are associated with code enforcement in neighborhoods, generally speaking?

**Staff Response:** *The CDBG allocation to Code Enforcement supports a portion of the salary expenses for dedicated code enforcement staff to address complaints in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods. These 2 neighborhoods generate about half of complaints (Town-wide) related to parking, minimum housing, and dumping trash. For example, 56% of parking complaints (Town-wide) are generated from these 2 neighborhoods.*

**Council Question:** Under what special circumstances is new housing construction an eligible activity for CDBG funds?

**Staff Response:** *The use of CDBG funds to build new housing is generally ineligible. There is an exception to the regulation on use of CDBG funds for new construction that allows a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) to undertake new housing construction. To be an eligible CBDO, a non-profit or for-profit entity must meet specific organizational criteria defined by federal Community Development Block Grant program regulations such as low to moderate income board membership and serving a low- and moderate income geographic area. We currently do not have an organization that has applied for designation as a CBDO.*