

Summary of Funding Requests and Preliminary Recommendations

The summary below reflects staff's recommendation for funding the requests below, in the total amount of \$386,584.

Affordable Housing

1. Town of Chapel Hill Requests

Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: \$169,728

Town staff requests that the Council budget funds for neighborhood revitalization activities throughout Town. Activities would serve households earning less than 80% of the HUD published area median income. Funds could be used for the following activities: second mortgage assistance; property acquisition and/or renovation; code enforcement; demolition; public housing improvements; public improvements such as installation of sidewalks; curb and gutter improvements; or parks and recreation facilities.

The Town Manager would approve projects, which must demonstrate compliance with Town policies and federal regulations.

Code Enforcement: \$25,000

Town staff requests funds to continue to support the Town's enforcement initiatives identified as a priority in the Northside and Pine Knolls Community Plan. Funds would pay for a portion of salaries for code enforcement staff providing enforcement efforts in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

2. **Community Home Trust – Homebuyer Assistance Program: \$30,000**

The Community Home Trust requests funds for its Homebuyer Assistance Program. These funds would be used to make land trust homes more affordable to households earning between 60% and 80% of the area median income

3. **Habitat for Humanity – Home Preservation: \$27,000**

Habitat for Humanity requests funds for its Home Preservation program. The Home Preservation program addresses the needs of low-income homeowners for repairs, accessibility modifications, and beautification. This initiative would focus on homes in the Northside, Pine Knolls, and Rogers Road neighborhoods. This project would serve households earning less than 80% of the area median income.

Public Services

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The use of funds for public services that benefit households earning less than 80% of the area median income is eligible under federal Community Development regulations. Examples of public service activities include programs focusing on employment, crime prevention, child care, healthcare, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homebuyer down payment assistance or recreational needs. The amount of Community Development funds used for public services is capped at 15% of the Town's Community Development grant.

1. **InterFaith Council For Social Service (IFC): \$28,500**

IFC requests funds to continue salary support of a full-time case manager for the HomeStart residential program to assist families experiencing homelessness in obtaining shelter and securing permanent affordable housing.

2. **Town of Chapel Hill Summer Youth Employment Program: \$27,000**

Town staff requests funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This program provides job skills training, employment experience, and economic opportunities to Chapel Hill youth aged 14-18 whose families earn less than 80% of the area median income, with the majority being from households earning less than 30% of the area median income. Many of the participants serve as interns in Town departments. Last summer, there were over thirty participants in the program, and this year, the Office for Housing and Community proposes enrolling the same number. The Council has allocated Community Development funds to support this program since 1994.

3. **Exchange Club's Family Center of Alamance County: \$2,040**

The Exchange Club's Family Center requests funds to support Children's Parents Parenting classes to provide parenting classes to families at-risk for and/or involved in child abuse or neglect. Professionally trained instructors use tested curricula to teach the parents and trained childcare workers provide trauma-informed care and instruction to the children of the parents in the classes during class times.

Program Administration: \$77,316

Town staff requests that the Council allocate funds to support oversight of the Community Development program and related affordable housing programs, as well as coordination with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and agencies that receive funding to maintain compliance with federal regulations.