

# Public Forum: Needs Assessment

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program



Council Business Meeting  
November 15, 2023



# AGENDA

1) CDBG Overview

2) Eligible Activities

3) Planning Process

4) Open Public Forum



# Purpose of Public Forum

Receive public comment on:

- Use of 2024-2025 CDBG funds

***No Council action required***



# Community Development Block Grant Program

## U.S. Congress creates CDBG Program in 1974

To develop viable urban communities primarily for low and moderate income people by providing:



- Decent housing
- Suitable living environment
- Economic opportunities

## Department of Housing and Urban Development

Administers federal CDBG funds providing annual awards to:



- Cities
- States
- Counties



## Chapel Hill has received CDBG awards since 1975

- Over the last 20 years, the Town has deployed over **\$10 Million** to community development initiatives.
- Annual Award of approximately **\$420,000**

Town's Affordable Housing Development and Preservation

Public Facilities or Public Housing Improvements

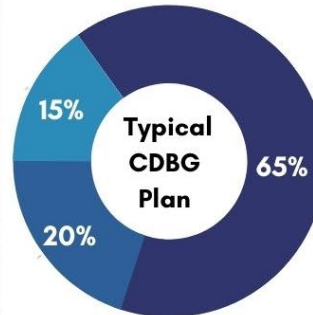
### Community Partners Like:



## Public Services: 15%

15% Cap for Programs Addressing:

Employment	Public Safety
Education	Health
Homelessness	Seniors
Substance Abuse	Recreation



## Affordable Housing: 65%

Includes:

- Acquisition
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Neighborhood Revitalization



Program Administration: 20%

# CDBG National Objectives



## 1. Benefit Low-to-Moderate Income

2. Aid in elimination of slum/blight

3. Meet an urgent need



# Affordable Housing Plan and Investment Strategy

<b>REDUCE BARRIERS TO BUILDING HOMES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Continue to pursue regulatory changes to streamline entitlements process and evaluate impact of development requirements on affordability</li><li>2. Launch education and outreach campaign</li><li>3. Refine inclusionary zoning ordinance and inclusionary housing policy</li></ol>
<b>EXPAND AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Modify down payment assistance program</li><li>5. Expand Transitional Housing programs and other asset building initiatives</li><li>6. Dedicate consistent funding for property tax relief for low-income households</li></ol>
<b>EXPAND AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Expand master leasing to serve more low-income renters</li><li>8. Create relocation assistance packages for renters at risk of displacement/eviction</li><li>9. Sustain gap financing to preserve or create homes for low-income renters</li></ol>
<b>INCREASE STAFF AND FUNDING CAPACITY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>10. Dedicate new, consistent funding sources</li><li>11. Realign governance and funding processes for local funding sources</li><li>12. Establish a revolving loan fund</li><li>13. Enhance partnerships with regional collaborators</li><li>14. Align staffing capacity with existing and projected programming</li></ol>



# 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Goals

1. Home Rehabilitation / Preservation
2. Homeownership Assistance
3. Community Services
4. Neighborhood Revitalization
5. Infrastructure Improvements
6. Services to support Economic Sufficiency
7. Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing



# 2023-2024 CDBG Annual Program Plan

Program	Approved Plan
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	
Community Home Trust - 204 Carver St. Acquisition	\$ 70,000
EMPOWERment Inc. - 104 Grant St. Acquisition	\$ 240,000
Community Empowerment Fund - IDA Program	\$ 36,000
Rebuilding Together of the Triangle Home Repairs	\$ 119,258
Rehabilitation of Town-owned Transitional Housing Units	53949
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 519,207</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>	
Transplanting Traditions Community Farm Microenterprise Development	\$ 15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,338</b>
<b>Public Services - 15% Cap of \$63,984</b>	
Town's Summer Youth Employment Program	\$ 20,000
Inter-Faith Council - Homeless Case Management	\$ 31,984
Refugee Community Partnership Crisis Case Management	\$ 12,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,984</b>
<b>Administration - 20% Cap of \$85,312</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,312</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 683,841</b>





# CDBG Planning Process



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Funding  
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**April 2024**  
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# Recommendation

- Open the public forum
- Receive comments on housing and community needs and use of 2024-2025 CDBG funds



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# Steps in the CDBG Planning Process



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# 2022-2023 CDBG Program Successes

## Affordable Housing and Community Services

- **27 Youth** received job training and summer employment with the Town
- **40 Children** received multi-lingual post-pandemic educational support and resource referral to stabilize the family
- **56 Homeless households** received case management and shelter
- **12 Children** at-risk of abuse/neglect provided trauma-informed childcare
- **1 Affordable Home** sold to a qualifying homebuyer in the historic Northside Neighborhood
- **4 Homes** rehabilitated for low-income homeowners

