

ARPA Community Partner Project Application

The Town of Chapel Hill is accepting applications from interested Community Partners who want American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to carry out meaningful programs and services in our community. Please read the <u>Guideline Document</u> on our website before completing your Application to make sure your project meets ARPA guidelines and Town goals.

Guidance for this form:

- Applications are due by Aug 11, 2022 at 5pm via email to arpa@townofchapelhill.org
- Responses for all questions are required
- Complete one application per project or service
- Add to the allotted response space as needed
- Signatures (digital or wet ink) are required on page 5

Have questions? Email or call Sarah Poulton at arpa@townofchapelhill.org or 919-969-5009 by Friday, July 22.

Section 1: Organization information

Organization name	The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership		
Organization's mission,	Vision: Make downtown Chapel Hill welcoming to all – inclusive, unique, and magnetic		
vision and/or goals	for		
	visitors, students, and residents. Create a vibrant and walkable downtown, filled with		
	experiences which honor the rich traditions and evolving future of our community.		
	Mission: To be a champion and advocate for downtown Chapel Hill through		
	programming, marketing, business support, and community building.		
Organization's website or	www.downtownchapelhill.com		
Facebook page			
Type of organization	X 501c3 For-profit business		
	501c4 Other, please specify:		
Your name	Matt Gladdek		
Your title	Executive Director		
Your email	matt@downtownchapelhill.com		
Your phone number	919-928-5352		
% of staff that are Black,	40% (1 out of 2.5 FTEs)		
Indigenous, or People of			
Color (BIPOC)			
% of board that are BIPOC	23%		

- 1. Project or service name: ____Clean & Green____
- 2. Please describe your program or service in detail. Include who you will reach with your program, how you intend to serve them, how the program or service will operate, and anything else someone unfamiliar with your services or programs would need to know.

Clean & Green:

Upon receiving funding, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will put out an RFP for contractors to respond to for two years of service. There are multiple organizations in the Triangle that provide these services and is in keeping with Urban Place Management Organization best practices because the parent company has economies of scale and can provide the necessary equipment to complete the work.

The team will ensure downtown Chapel Hill is clean, green. and welcoming for visitors, workers, and residents by:

- Responding to appropriate Chapel Hill See, Click, Fix initiated requests and/or work orders;
- Removing litter and debris from Downtown using methods including though not limited to: operating pan & broom, removing gum from ground/furniture, removing handbills not in kiosks, flyers and stickers from vertical surfaces, etc.;
- Emptying public trash cans and coordinating with appropriate City departments to facilitate maintenance, replacement and/or reinstallation of damaged trash cans;
- Cleaning, inspecting and painting streetscape fixtures and furniture as needed including benches, picnic tables, etc.;
- Removing graffiti from public infrastructure using chemical applications, power washing and/or painting;
- Removing isolated chewing gum spots from sidewalks;
- Performing limited weed removal using mechanical tools and/or selective herbicides;
- Performing snow and ice removal of handicap cutouts at crosswalks;
- Performing targeted landscaping and watering of planters and street trees in brick and concrete planters controlled by CHPD
- Completing special projects on an as needed basis;
- Facilitating provision of Downtown specific hospitality training for Ambassadors regarding restaurants, hotels, shows, parking, etc.;
- Observing and reporting concerns to the Street Outreach and Harm Reduction And Deflection (SOHRAD) team, the police only when absolutely necessary;
- Remaining knowledgeable of local ordinances and where appropriate reporting violations to the appropriate City Department or agency as needed
- Completing regular public relations checks-ins with Downtown businesses;
- Providing increased night-time visibility of ambassadors during evening events;

Collaborating with appropriate City, County, and non-profit partners to leverage and enhance existing services to address cleanliness and beautification issues commensurate with Downtown growth

If you are applying for a new program, please complete Section 2. If you are applying for funding a program that existed before the Covid pandemic, please complete Section 3. All applicants should then complete Sections 4 and 5.

Section 2: Information for new programs only

1.	Please confirm that your project can be completed by December 31, 2024:X_YesNo
2.	How many households or individuals do you anticipate serving through your program?
	Individuals or844Households per _x week or month or year

3. Are you considering applying or have you applied to other agencies (ie Orange County) to fund this project? If so, please provide the agency and amounts below. Add more lines as needed and indicate a total program cost in the bottom row:

Agency		Amount
	Total	

 Please describe below how you have had to adapt to providing services or have had to serve more members because of the Covid pandemic that will continue into 2023. Examples include but are no restarting a program that had to stop due to pandemic conditions; purchasing equipment or suppli a program differently because of the Covid pandemic; and/or serving more community members b Covid pandemic. 				clude but are not l pment or supplies	imited to: to provide
2.	Do you receive funding from other organizations specifically for this service? If so, please provide the agency and amounts below. Add more lines as needed and indicate a total program cost in the bottom row:				
	Agend	су	Amount	\exists	
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Section	n 4: General information for	r all programs or services			
1.	What is the total funding r 2023, through December 3	equest from the Town's ARPA full 31, 2024)? _ \$300,000	nds during the Award Pe	riod (approx. Janı	ıary 1,
2.	<u>-</u>	udget. Note: all expenses reimbu	 rsable through ARPA fun	ds must be incurr	ed during
		January 1, 2023 to December 31	_		_
	lines to the chart below as	needed and indicate a total prog	gram cost in the bottom	row:	
	Cost category	Cost item		Amount	
	Ex: Facility needs	Ex: Classroom rento		Ex: \$9,500	
	Contract	Contract with ser & Green Services	vice provider for Clean	\$300,000	
		& Green Services			
			Total	\$300,000	
1.	Do you anticipate earningYes _XNo	program income (ie through the	sale of food) as part of y	our program or se	rvices?
2.	If you charge for goods or household income?Ye	services as part of your programes _XNo	or services, is there a slid	ding scale of pricin	ng based or
3.	Which ARPA category best	fits your project?			
	Support public health	(medical expenses, behavioral h	ealthcare, and certain pu	ublic health and sa	afety staff)
XAddress negative economic impacts (relieve economic harm to workers, households, small bus affected industries, and the public sector)			eholds, small busi	inesses,	
	Invest in water, storm	nwater and broadband infrastruct	ture		
4. Choose at least 1 of the following groups of categories to indicate the group(s) your proserve. For more information, please see the <u>Guidance Document</u> .			program or servi	ce will	
	a. Which of the following ARPA categories of those most affected by the pandemic best fits your project?				
	Low- or mode	erate-income households and cor	mmunities		
	Households t	hat experienced unemployment a	and/or increased food or	r housing insecurit	t y
	X_Households r	esiding in Qualified Census Tracts	s (QCTs)		

	Households that qualify for certain federal benefits (ie Medicaid or CHIP)
b.	Which of the Orange County Long Term Recovery Plan category best fits your project?
	African American/Black communities
	Latinx communities
	People with pre-existing health conditions
	Students of color
	X_Businesses that rely on student and visitor spending
	People in need of affordable housing
c.	Re-imagining Community Safety Task Force
	Crisis
	Post crisis
	X_Prevention

5. Do you plan to or already collaborate with another community partner(s) on this project or service? If so, who?

We will collaborate with SOHRAD (Street Outreach Harm Reduction and Deflection team) to ensure Clean & Green Ambassadors know who to call if they see someone in need or distress, and to ensure all belongings of individuals are treated with respect as they clean the streets.

We will ensure CEF (Community Empowerment Fund), the Jackson Center, Empowerment, and other community organizations receive the job notices to ensure we are offering living wage jobs to our community members.

6. What challenge, problem or gap in our community does your program or service address?

Right now our downtown businesses are struggling as they dig out from the deficit, deferred expenses, and loans taken during the pandemic. This Clean & Green service will ensure our public spaces in downtown are beautiful and cared for. This project responds to the need for "Sparkle" in our downtown that the Downtown Together report calls for.

We need to make sure that Franklin and Rosemary Streets are beautiful and inviting so that we can retain our local, small businesses that have fought to make it through the pandemic.

7. What disparities will this project decrease or what equity outcomes will this project increase?

This project will provide two living wage jobs in a respectful environment and we will prioritize hiring locally. It will also help support approximately 200 street level businesses in Downtown Chapel Hill that employ a wide range of people in primarily service industries and will hopefully help these businesses succeed and pay their employees.

8. How has your organization incorporated racial equity goals into your organizational goals?

As an organization, we recognize how important racial diversity is to create a vibrant community and downtown. We center the conversation of racial, religious, gender, and sexual identity while considering board positions, employee hiring, and community outreach. Our staff is very diverse, and our board continues to seek out diverse board members.

We seek to foster a welcoming & inclusive atmosphere in downtown by ensuring outreach to all businesses in downtown, and ensuring we seek out businesses that will cater to the needs of our entire community. We

market the rich diversity of our current businesses like Epilogue, Dame's, Shanghai Dumpling, Vimala's, Momo's, etc.

Outreach to BIPOC businesses: we also are active in seeking out BIPOC businesses from the community that might be interested in expanding to Chapel Hill and we have developed relationships with businesses that are looking for the right space in the downtown area.

Support BIPOC events: We seek to collaborate with community partners on events that serve the BIPOC community, such Light Up on the Lunar New Year and Juneteenth and we are currently working to expand the representation in our winter Holiday programming.

9. Please describe any additional activities your organization is doing to address racial equity.

We collaborate with the Midway Business Center and the Jackson Center to ensure they are aware of our activities and vice versa. We have previously sponsored the Northside Block Party and have served on the Northside Neighborhood Initiative.

10. How are you connected to those that you will serve? Geographically, philosophically, do previous recipients of your programs or services work for your organization, etc.

Our organization's board is populated by residents, property owners, business owners, and employees of businesses that operate within the downtown Chapel Hill municipal service district. Our work is entirely tied in to the needs of our members.

11. What experience, if any, do you have applying for, accepting, or managing state or federal grants?

Our bookkeeper and auditor has experience receiving and managing grants from the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

12. How will you measure success? Please indicate inputs, activities, outputs with targets and dates, and outcomes below. For more information, please see the <u>Guidance Document</u>. Add more lines as needed.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Resources dedicated or	How you plan to use the	Volume or quantity of	Benefits or changes your
used by your program)	inputs to reach your	your work, incl. Targets	program makes in the
	programs goals	and Dates	lives of participants
Ex: Staff time	Ex: In-person tutoring sessions	Ex: 25 students receive 1 hour/week of tutoring for 12 weeks in first 6 months of program	Ex: Students reading at or above grade level
Ambassador Staff Time	Remove litter & debris from public sidewalks.	Date: 1/2023-1/2024 How Often: 5-6 days/week What: ambassadors will clean the ±3.7 miles of linear sidewalk space in downtown	Cleaner streets → makes downtown sparkle → Increases visitors to downtown → Helps retain and attract new businesses
Ambassador Staff Time	 Cleaning & Inspecting Street furniture, trash cans, planters Removing Graffiti from public infrastructure 	Date: 1/2023-1/2024 How Often: Once a month What: ambassadors will clean all public trash cans, benches, utility boxes	Cleaner streets and less graffiti help downtown sparkle, and help businesses succeed
Ambassador Staff Time	Power washing sidewalks	Date: 1/2023-1/2024 as needed, main powerwashing through 3.7 miles of downtown sidewalk done in July. How Often: Once a year, and as needed	Reduce odors and grime, improves outdoor dining and walking downtown.

Ambassador Staff Time & DCH Partnership Staff Time	Help visitors to town, check in with businesses	What: Ambassadors will power wash sidewalks where dirt and grime has accumulated, especially around garbage cans Date: 1/2023-1/2024 How Often: Once a month and as needed	Ambassadors will ensure Chapel Hill feels welcoming and inviting with a small town
		What: Ambassadors will be trained to help visitors that may be looking a business or location. Ambassadors will also regularly check in with businesses to help ensure the Partnership is connecting with all stakeholders	feel.
Ambassador Time	Observing and reporting concerns to the Street Outreach and Harm Reduction And Deflection (SOHRAD) team	Date: 1/2023-1/2024 How Often: as needed What: while performing their duties the ambassadors will call the SOHRAD team if they come across someone who might need to be connected to services.	Extra eyes on the street will prevent problems and helping to connect people to SOHRAD will further connect people to help.
Ambassador Time	Performing snow and ice removal of handicap cutouts at crosswalks;	Date: 1/2023-1/2024 How Often: As needed with salt before precipitation, and clearing after precipitation. What: Will coordinate with public works to ensure downtown cross walks are clear from ice & snow and make sure downtown is accessible to all even after inclement weather.	Keeping ice and snow clear from crosswalks keeps downtown feeling welcoming and accessible all year long

13. Does your agency routinely conduct an audit of your financial records? __X_Yes ____No

Section 5: Disclosures

Are any of the Board Members or employees of your agency or members of their immediate families or business associates one or more of the following:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>			
YES	a) Employees of or closely related to employees of the Town of Chapel Hill?			
	b) Members of or closely related to members of the governing bodies of the Town of Chapel Hill?			
	c) Current beneficiaries of the program for which funds are being requested?			
	□ All Paid providers of goods or services to the program or having other financial interest in the program?			
If you have answered YES to any question, please provide a full explanation below:				

To the best of my knowledge and belief all of the above information is true and current.			
Signature:	Matth 1. Clastick	August 10, 2022	
	Executive Director or Authorized Signer	Date	
Signature: _			
	Applicant (if different from above)	Date	