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THE ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING COLLABORATIVE INVITES RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON A DRAFT PLAN DETAILING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSING FUNDS

THE DRAFT PLAN WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM
MARCH 15, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2020

A Public Hearing Will Be Held To Receive Input On The Draft Plan On March 19, 2020
From 6:30PM – 8:00PM At The Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room B. Spanish
Interpretation Will Be Available.

HILLSBOROUGH, NORTH CAROLINA, March 4, 2020 - The Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative will be publishing a draft Consolidated Plan on March 15 and invite public comments on the draft from March 15 – April 15. Hard copies of the draft plan will be available at the Town Halls and a digital copy will be posted on the County website at <http://orangecountync.gov/2337/HOME-Consolidated-Plan>. There will be an easy-to-read summary of the draft available as well.

The Collaborative will also be holding another public input session on March 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room B to go over the draft

plan and receive feedback. Spanish interpretation will be available at the March 19 meeting.

The Consolidated Plan decides how the Collaborative allocates funding from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support community development and affordable housing initiatives. The funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which requires the Consolidated Plan. The plan serves as an action-oriented management tool and guides federal grant spending to address housing and community development needs for low- and moderate-income residents for the next five years within the jurisdiction. The funds are broken down into the following two program categories:

- The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is the largest Federal block grant available to communities to create affordable housing. The intent of the HOME Program is to 1) increase the supply of decent, affordable housing to low- and very low-income households; 2) expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers; 3) strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing; and 4) leverage private sector participation.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an annual grant to localities and states to assist in the development of viable communities. These viable communities are achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-income.

Every year, HUD determines the amount of HOME & CDBG funds that states and local governments—also known as Participating Jurisdictions. In Orange County, the HOME Participating Jurisdiction is a Consortium consisting of Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough, with the County acting as lead entity. In 2017, the Consortium was renamed the Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative. Based on prior funding patterns, Orange County's HOME award to average around \$400,000 each year. The Town of Chapel Hill is an

entitlement grantee for CDBG funding and receives approximately \$400,000 each year.

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ORANGE COUNTY HOME PROGRAM



2020 CONSOLIDATED PLANNING PROCESS FOR FEDERAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING

Interested in learning about the HOME Program, one of Orange County's major funding sources for developing and preserving affordable housing?

The Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative will be releasing a draft of the 2020-2025 Five Year Consolidated Plan on **March 15th, 2020**. The draft Plan lays out a strategy for addressing housing needs in Orange County using federal HOME funds. The draft Plan will include:

- Priority housing needs and geographic priorities
- Anticipated funding resources
- Collaboration strategy among local governments and non-profits
- Barriers to affordable housing and fair housing choice

The draft Plan will be open for **public comment** from **March 15th - April 15th, 2020**. Comments may be submitted in person, in writing by mail or email, or by telephone to:

Erika Brandt, Housing and Community Development Manager

300 W. Tryon Street, 3rd Floor, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Phone: (919) 245-4331 | Email: ebrandt@orangecountync.gov

Hard copies of the draft Plan will be available at the Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough town halls. An easy-to-read summary will also be available at town halls, public libraries, and other locations throughout the County. A digital copy of the draft Plan and the summary will be on the County website at <http://orangecountync.gov/2337/HOME-Consolidated-Plan>.

A public hearing will be held to receive input on the draft Plan on **March 19th, 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm**, at the **Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room B**. Interpretation will be available. The draft Plan will go before the local government boards on the dates below:

Orange County Board of Commissioners	April 7
Carrboro Town Council	April 21
Chapel Hill Town Council	April 22
Hillsborough Town Board	May 11



ORANGE COUNTY HOME PROGRAM

PROCESO DE PLANIFICACIÓN CONSOLIDADO DEL 2020 PARA FONDOS FEDERALES DE VIVIENDA ASEQUIBLE

AVISO DE PLAZO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

¿Te interesa aprender sobre el HOME Program, una de las principales fuentes de financiamiento para desarrollar y preservar vivienda asequible en el condado de Orange?

El Grupo colaborativo de vivienda asequible del gobierno del condado de Orange va a publicar un borrador de su Plan consolidado de cinco años de 2020-2025, el **15 de marzo de 2020**. El plan borrador describe una estrategia para abordar necesidades de vivienda en el Condado de Orange, usando fondos federales de HOME. El plan borrador incluirá:

- Necesidades prioritarias de vivienda y prioridades geográficas
- Recursos de financiamiento previsto
- Estrategia de colaboración entre gobiernos locales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro
- Barreras a la vivienda asequible y la vivienda justa

Se puede hacer **comentarios públicos** sobre el plan borrador entre **el 15 de marzo y el 15 de abril de 2020**. Los comentarios pueden ser entregados en persona, por correo o email, o por teléfono a:

Erika Brandt, Encargada de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario

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Habrá copias del plan borrador disponibles en las reuniones públicas en Carrboro, Chapel Hill y Hillsborough. Un resumen fácil de leer también estará disponible en las alcaldías, en las bibliotecas públicas y otros sitios a lo largo del condado. Una copia digital del plan borrador y el resumen estarán disponibles en el sitio web del condado en <http://orangecountync.gov/2337/HOME-Consolidated-Plan>.

Se organizará una audiencia pública para recibir opiniones sobre el plan borrador, el **19 de marzo de 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm**, en la **biblioteca pública de Chapel Hill, salón de reuniones "B"**. Habrá interpretación. Se presentará el plan borrador ante las juntas del gobierno local en las fechas mencionadas a continuación:

Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Orange	7 de abril
Concejo Municipal de Carrboro	21 de abril
Concejo Municipal de Chapel Hill	22 de abril
Junta Municipal de Hillsborough	11 de mayo