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Public Forum: 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant Program Plan.

Staff:

Loryn Clark, Executive Director
Nate Broman-Fulks, Affordable Housing Manager
Renee Moye, Community Development Program Manager

Department:

Housing and Community

Overview: The purpose of this public forum is for the Council to receive public comment on a preliminary plan to use of 2018-2019 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Tonight is the second of two public forums. The Council held the first forum on [November 1, 2017](http://chapelhill.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=7&event_id=1334&meta_id=178332) http://chapelhill.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=7&event_id=1334&meta_id=178332¹. Based on feedback received at the public forums and recommendations from the Town’s Application Review Committee, the Council will be presented with a recommended Program Plan for approval at the April 11th meeting.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council open the public forum to receive comments on a preliminary plan to use 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and refer comments and questions related to the use of 2018-2019 CDBG funds to the Manager.

Background

- Eligible activities must:
 - Serve households earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income (\$58,650 for a household of 4).
 - Meet one of three National Objectives of the CDBG program:
 - Benefit low/moderate income households; or
 - Address an urgent need that poses a threat to health or safety in the community; or
 - Prevent or eliminate slums or blight.

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities that receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to hold two public forums during the development of an annual plan for use of the funds.
- A CDBG Application Review Committee included a representative from the Human Service Advisory Board and two members of Town staff (representatives from the Business Management and Human Resource Development). We were unable to identify a representative from the Housing Advisory Board.
- The Committee reviewed the applications and developed its recommendation on February 22, 2018 during a public meeting.
- The Committee developed the following preliminary plan for use of funds:

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| Public Services | | |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Summer Youth Employment Program | \$24,000 |
| Inter-Faith Council | <u>HomeStart Case Management</u> | 15,926 |
| Affordable Housing | | |
| Community Home Trust | Homebuyer Assistance | 40,000 |
| Habitat for Humanity | Home Preservation | 50,000 |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Neighborhood Revitalization | 158,238 |
| | Code Enforcement | 25,000 |
| Administration | | |
| | Grant Administration/HUD Compliance & Reporting | <u>75,000</u> |
| Total | | \$388,164 |

- Notice of tonight’s forum was published in the Herald Sun, shared on the Town’s website, and distributed through the Town’s TownWeek electronic-news publications.

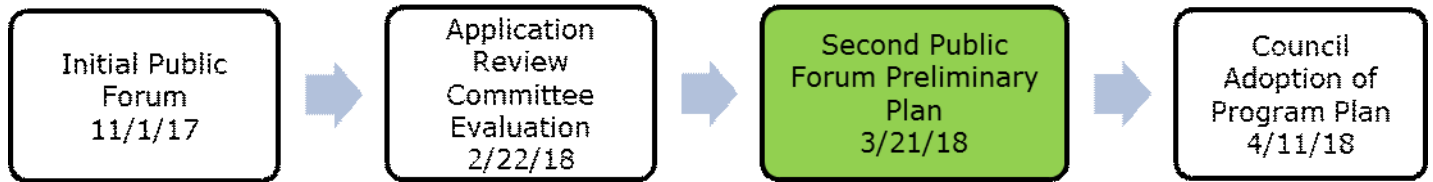
Key Issues:

- The preliminary plan recommends full funding for all projects and includes funding for:
 - Key Town projects: the Summer Youth Employment Program, code enforcement, neighborhood revitalization, and program administration.
 - Continued support for affordable housing and community development programs operated by the Community Home Trust, Habitat for Humanity and the Inter-Faith Council (IFC).
- The preliminary plan includes an estimated allocation of \$380,825 of grant funds (based on current funding level), and \$7,339 of program income received from the repayment of a loan, for a total of \$388,164. Final plan adjustments will reflect the actual award amount.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: The Town provides Community Development funds to non-profit agencies for affordable housing and public service projects as grants. These funds will not be repaid to the Town.

There is uncertainty about the federal budget for affordable housing related programs, including the Community Development Block Grant program. The preliminary federal budget proposes to eliminate the program. We will continue to monitor the federal discussions about the future of the Community Development program and share updates with the Council.







Where is this item in its process?



Next Steps

- On April 11, 2018, the Council will receive a staff-recommended CDBG Program Plan.
- The Plan approved by Council will be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2018 as part of the Annual Update to the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. The Town will compile and incorporate all comments received in writing and at public forums into the Community Development Annual Plan.

Council Goals:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  | Create a Place for Everyone | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Develop Good Places, New Spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Support Community Prosperity | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Nurture Our Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Facilitate Getting Around | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Grow Town and Gown Collaboration |

 **Attachments:**

- Draft Staff Presentation
- Committee Recommended 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant Program Plan
- Community Development Block Grant Eligibility

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

PRESENTER: Renee Moye, Community Development Program Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the public forum to receive comments on a preliminary plan to use 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and refer comments and questions related to the use of 2018-2019 CDBG funds to the Manager.