



Legislation Text

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Public Forum: 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Plan.

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Overview: Tonight the Council will receive public comment on a preliminary plan for use of 2019-2020 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This is the second of two required public forums. The Council held the first forum on [November 7, 2018](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/15026/15?curm=11&cury=2018) [<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/15026/15?curm=11&cury=2018>](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/15026/15?curm=11&cury=2018). Based on feedback received at the public forums and recommendations from the CDBG Application Review Committee, staff will recommend to Council a program plan at the April 10th meeting. Tonight we ask for the Council's feedback on the preliminary program plan.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council open the public forum to receive and provide comments on a preliminary plan to use 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant funds and refer comments and questions related to the use of funds to the Town Manager.

Key Issues:

- The preliminary plan includes an estimated allocation of \$418,344 of grant funds (based on current funding level). Final plan adjustments will reflect the actual award amount and any program income received.
- Eligible activities must:
 - Serve households earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income (\$64,500 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 slum or blight.
- A CDBG Application Review Committee included a representative from the Human Service Advisory Board, a representative from the Housing Advisory Board, and two members of Town staff (representatives from Business Management and Human Resource Development).
- The Committee met with each agency to review proposals on February 12, 2019 and developed its recommendation on February 20, 2019 during a public meeting.

Preliminary Spending Plan

- The preliminary plan developed by the Review Committee recommends 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).

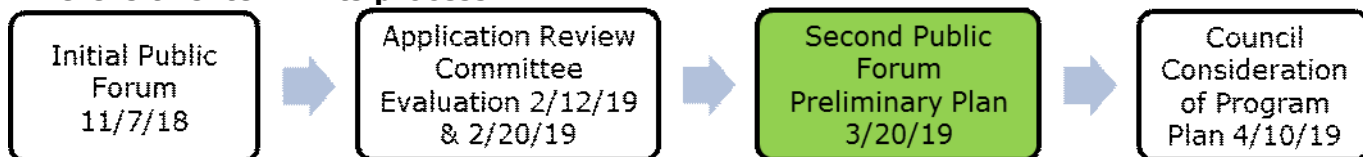
- The Committee developed the following preliminary plan for use of funds:

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| Public Services | | |
| Inter-Faith Council | HomeStart Case Management | \$ 28,500 |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Summer Youth Employment Program | \$ 27,000 |
| Exchange Club's Family Center | Children's Parents Parenting | \$ 2,040 |
| Affordable Housing | | |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Neighborhood Revitalization | \$ 195,135 |
| | Code Enforcement | \$ 25,000 |
| Community Home Trust | Homebuyer Assistance | \$ 30,000 |
| Habitat for Humanity | Home Preservation | \$ 27,000 |
| Administration | | <u>\$ 83,669</u> |
| Total | | \$ 418,344 |

- 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.

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

Where is this item in its process?



Next Steps

- On April 10, 2019, the Council will receive a staff-recommended CDBG Program Plan.
- A Council-approved plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2019 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 2019-2020 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: Renée Moye, Community Development Program Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the public forum to receive comments on a preliminary plan to use 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant funds and refer comments and questions related to the use of funds to the Manager.