



Legislation Text

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Public Forum: Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Staff:

Sarah Osmer Viñas, Director
Nate Broman-Fulks, Affordable Housing Manager
Megan Culp, Community Development Program Manager

Department:

Affordable Housing & Community Connections

Overview: The purpose of this item is to open the public forum for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and receive comments from the public to guide the development of goals and funding priorities for the CDBG program plan.



Recommendation(s):

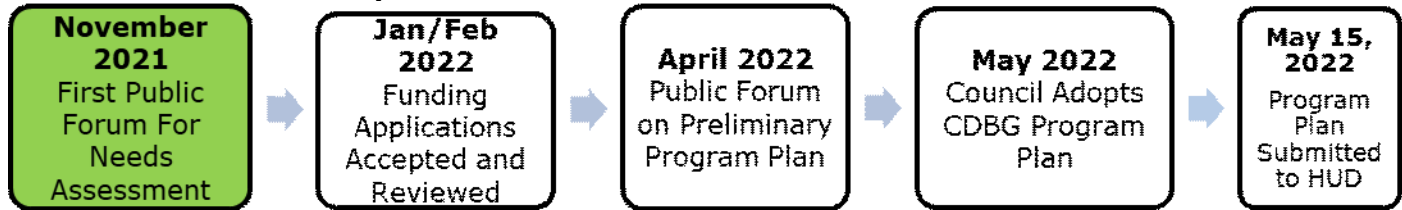
That the Council receive comments on housing and community development needs for the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program plan.

Overview of the CDBG Program and Needs Assessment

- The Town of Chapel Hill receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address community development and affordable housing needs.
- This is the first of two public forums the Town conducts during the development of a plan for use of federal CDBG funds. The Council will hold a second public forum in April 2022.
- The Town must submit the plan to HUD by May 15, 2022.
- Staff will use comments received to help develop strategic goals and funding priorities for the 2022 -2023 CDBG annual program plan.
- Eligible activities, described in the attached document, must serve households earning less than 80% of the area median income, or \$69,100 for a household of four in our area.
- Consistent with our Participation Plan, we included notice of tonight's forum in the Herald Sun on October 17, October 24, and 31; in the Town's e-news; on the Town's webpage; on the Town's social media; and directly to our affordable housing and community development partners.
- The annual Community Development program plan, submitted to HUD, will include all comments received in writing and at public forums.
- As in previous years, we recommend that an Application Review Committee, consisting of Town staff and representatives of the Housing Advisory Board and Human Services Advisory Board, review applications for CDBG Program funding.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: The Town of Chapel Hill is a CDBG Entitlement Community and receives an annual allocation from HUD. The Town provides CDBG funding through performance agreements with agencies that implement approved programs and services. We anticipate that the Town's FY23 allocation will be similar to the FY22 allocation of \$418,300. HUD typically notifies the Town of the amount of the grant allocation in the spring.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Draft Staff Presentation
- National Objectives of Community Development Legislation
- Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2020 Summary

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

PRESENTER: Megan Culp, Community Development Program Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council receive comments on housing and community development needs for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program plan.