



Legislation Text

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

Staff:

Loryn B. Clark, Executive Director
Sarah Osmer Viñas, Assistant Director
Nate Broman-Fulks, Affordable Housing Manager

Department:

Housing and Community

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):

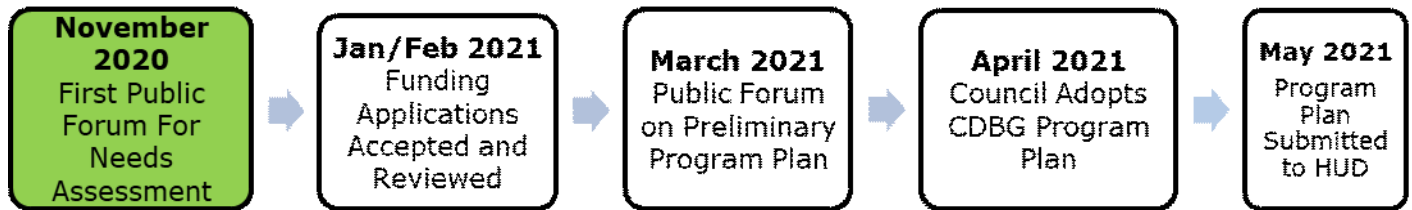
That the Council receive comments on housing and community development needs for the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program plan.

Overview of the CDBG Program and Needs Assessment

- The Town of Chapel Hill receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address community development and affordable housing needs.
- HUD requires communities that receive federal CDBG funds to hold two public forums during the development of a plan for use of funds. The Council will hold a second public forum in March 2021.
- The Town must submit the plan to HUD by May 15, 2021.
- Staff will use comments received to help develop strategic goals and funding priorities for both the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program plan.
- Eligible activities, described in the attached document, must serve households earning less than 80% of the area median income, or \$72,700 for a household of four in our area.
- We included notice of tonight's forum in the Herald Sun on October 25, October 28, November 1, in the Town's e-news, and on the Town's webpage.
- 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 funds through performance agreements with agencies that implement approved programs and services. We anticipate that the Town's FY22 allocation will be similar to the FY21 allocation of \$417,655. 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

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

PRESENTER: Nate Broman-Fulks, Affordable Housing Manager

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