



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Oct. 13, 2025
Department: Administration
Agenda Section: Consent
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Town Manager Eric Peterson

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Communities on the Move temporary funding request

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding, Fiscal Year 2026 Funding: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Food, Fitness and Opportunity Research Collaborative – Communities on the Move

Summary:

Funding for the Communities on the Move program was cut by Congress earlier this year. The program is provided through UNC Chapel Hill's Food, Fitness and Opportunity Research Collaborative (UNC FFORC) that has provided the following five programs in Hillsborough and to the Fairview Community: The Fairview Youth in Action Internship, Active Living Support and Technical Assistance, the Fairview Community Garden, and Women on the Move. Funding ends for these programs on Oct. 1. UNC FFORC requested \$68,836 at the Sept. 22 town board work session so these programs can continue through the end of the fiscal year. This would essentially be "bridge" funding to provide time to explore ways to fund these programs starting in Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025) and beyond. UNC FFORC has submitted several grant applications to find alternative funding but has not yet had a response. They have also reached out to Orange County government for assistance.

At its Sept. 22 work session, the town board directed staff to bring this item back for formal consideration and approval of the following at the Oct. 13 regular meeting:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding provides six months (\$45,912) of funding so these programs can continue.
- 2) Budget amendment that appropriates \$45,912 from the fund balance (General Fund savings) to pay for the programming.
- 3) Confirmation of this type of funding is permitted. Note: the town attorney has confirmed the town's ability to fund this type of request, and the relevant statutes are included in the attached MOU.

Financial impacts:

\$45,912 reduction in the fund balance (savings).

Staff recommendation and comments:

No recommendation as non-profit and community reinvestment funding is a policy decision reserved for the governing body.

Action requested:

Approve, amend, decline, or provide alternative directions to the town manager.