



## Agenda Abstract

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 28, 2025  
Department: Community Services  
Agenda Section: Public Hearing  
Public hearing: Yes  
Date of public hearing: April 28, 2025

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager

#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Closeout of Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus

**Attachments:**

Draft Grant Closeout Packet

**Summary/Background:**

On Aug. 25, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper announced the availability of \$28 million from federal Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to be disbursed by the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) to support rental and utility payments and prevent evictions for those with a demonstrated need.

The Town of Hillsborough applied for the grant funds to be used through Orange County's existing Emergency Housing Assistance fund, which provides financial assistance to help residents with low incomes secure and maintain stable housing. Assistance was available to households that earned no more than 60% of the area median income and had an urgent need for housing assistance. The total amount awarded to the town was \$600,000. Orange County housing staff administered the program on behalf of the town, and as such was compensated with 10% of the grant funds (\$60,000) as administrative costs.

206 applications were funded through the CDBG-CV funded portion of the Emergency Housing Assistance program. Demographic data for the funded applications is as follows:

- 172 applications (83.5%) were for Extremely Low-Income recipients, and 34 (16.5%) were for Low-Income recipients.
- 17 applicants were property owners (8.3%), while 189 were renters (91.7%).
- 138 applicants were Black or African American (67.0%), 49 were White (23.8%), 15 identified as multi-racial (7.3%) and 4 were Asian (1.9%). 8 applicants were of Hispanic ethnicity inclusive of all races (3.9%).

In accordance with closing out the grant, the town must hold a public hearing to obtain residents' comments about the program's impact and how it was administered. In addition to this public hearing, residents had from March 19 through April 28, 2025 to submit comments to the town via email, in writing, or by phone. Notice for the Public Hearing was included in the March 19, March 26 and April 2 editions of the News of Orange County, and the March 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the News & Observer.

**Financial impacts:**

N/A

**Staff recommendation and comments:**

N/A

**Action requested:**

Hold the public hearing and receive any comments from the public on the CDBG-CV grant closeout.