



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Dec. 12, 2022
Department: Community Services
Agenda Section: Consent
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing:

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Margaret Hauth, Assistant Town Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Quarterly Report

Attachments:

2022 Quarter 2 report (April – June)

Summary:

Sharing these reports with the elected board is required on a quarterly basis. There is still strong demand for housing assistance in the county. The county has struggled to maintain staffing. They have prioritized providing aid to residents over reporting and seeking reimbursement from the towns, so the information I can provide is dated.

Financial impacts:

Staff recommendation and comments:

We received three updates/advice from the state that improve the town's ability to complete this grant in full compliance with program requirements:

- 1) Federal guidelines still consider housing instability a risk related to COVID so general housing instability is an adequate tie to COVID to allow households to qualify for this assistance.
- 2) The town will be asking that the assistance cap of \$6,500 that was removed effective in October 2021, be extended retroactively to align with Orange County's removal in August. As they administer our program, this alignment is helpful to the public and for our spend-down rate.
- 3) The town will be asking for an extension to our program to allow us to continue spending our funding allocation. We will start with an extension to December 2023, with the possibility to extend further, if needed. The extension also allows Hillsborough residents to access aid without the town providing general funds.

Action requested:

Receive report.