

# Orange County HOME Program Town of Chapel Hill CDBG Program 2020 Consolidated Planning Process

## What is the HOME Program?

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is the largest Federal block grant available to communities to create affordable housing. The intent of the HOME Program is to:

- Increase the supply of decent, affordable housing to low- and very low-income households;
- Expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers;
- Strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing; and
- Leverage private sector participation.

YEAR	HOME FUNDING
2019	\$350,302
2018	\$401,340
2017	\$289,693
2016	\$310,196
2015	\$311,832

Every year, HUD determines the amount of HOME funds that states and local governments—also known as Participating Jurisdictions—are eligible to receive. In Orange County, the HOME Participating Jurisdiction is a Consortium consisting of Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough, with the County acting as lead entity. In 2017, the Consortium was renamed the Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative. Based on prior funding patterns, Orange County's HOME award will

## What is the CDBG Program?

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an annual grant to localities and states to assist in the development of viable communities. These viable communities are achieved by providing the following, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income:

YEAR	CDBG FUNDING
2020	\$386,584
2019	\$418,344
2018	\$380,825
2017	\$387,702
2016	\$404,761

- Decent housing;
- A suitable living environment; and
- Expanded economic opportunities.

Every year, each city in a metropolitan area with at least 50,000 people, principal cities of metropolitan areas, and each county with more than 200,000 in population (excluding metropolitan cities therein) receive CDBG funds. These cities and urban counties--called entitlement grantees--are entitled to CDBG by virtue of their size. As a result, the Town of Chapel Hill is an entitlement grantee and receives approximately \$400,000 in CDBG funds each year.

## What is the Consolidated Plan?

As a requirement for direct grantees receiving HOME or CDBG funds, states and localities use the Consolidated Planning process as an opportunity to create a five-year plan that describes their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions and outlines priorities and goals for addressing these needs.

In Spring 2020, the Collaborative will prepare the County's Consolidated Plan for FY 2021 through FY 2025. Through this process, the Collaborative will engage community members and solicit public input to develop a shared vision for affordable housing preservation and development, and identify data-driven targets to guide investments of HOME and CDBG funds.

To garner rich community engagement for the Plan, there will be numerous opportunities for public involvement through in-person meetings, questionnaires, webinars, and phone conferencing.

ITEM	TIMELINE
<b>Data collection, research, and analysis</b>	January 16 - March 1
<b>Community outreach and public meetings</b>	February 6 - February 26
<b>Draft Plan released for public comment</b>	March 15 - April 15
<b>Public Hearing</b>	March 19
<b>Orange County Board of Commissioners reviews for approval</b>	April 21
<b>Carrboro Town Council reviews for approval</b>	April 21
<b>Chapel Hill Town Council reviews for approval</b>	April 22
<b>Hillsborough Town Board reviews for approval</b>	May 11
<b>Final Plan submitted to HUD</b>	May 15

