

## 2001-2002 Community Development Program

On April 24, 2001, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved the following activities for the 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant program:

Rehabilitation of Public Housing: \$170,000

The Council budgeted \$115,000 of Community Development funds for the rehabilitation of fifteen units at the Pritchard Park public housing community. Funds will be used for renovation expenses and for a portion of the Assistant Housing Director's salary for oversight of the public housing renovation projects. Together with Comprehensive Grant funds, the 2001-2002 Community Development funds will be used to renovate the fifteen-unit community. Proposed renovation work includes the abatement of lead-based paint and asbestos, replacement of windows and screens, replacement of interior and exterior doors, replacement of furnaces, replacement of floor tiles, replacement of bathtub liners and surrounds, bathroom fixtures, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and interior and exterior painting.

The Council also budget \$55,000 of Community Development funds to continue the public housing refurbishing program. This program includes minor repairs of public housing units.

Meadowmont Affordable Townhomes \$80,000

The Council budgeted \$80,000 of Community Development funds to Orange Community Housing and Land Trust to help pay a portion of the costs associated with constructing thirty-two townhomes in Meadowmont. The Council previously budgeted \$80,000 of 2000-2001 Community Development funds and \$30,000 from the Housing Loan Trust Fund for this project. The townhomes will be developed for first time homebuyers currently living or working in Orange County that earn less than 80% of the area median income. Funds will be used for development of the site and infrastructure improvements. We note that the 2001-2002 HOME Program includes \$80,000 for this activity.

Neighborhood Revitalization: \$80,000

The Council budgeted \$80,000 of Community Development funds to continue neighborhood revitalization activities. In previous years, funds were used in the Pine Knolls, Northside and public housing neighborhoods. This year funds can be used Town-wide to assist with the activities of local non-profit affordable housing developers including EmPOWERment, Inc. and Orange Community Housing and Land Trust.

Funds could be used for second mortgage assistance, property acquisition or renovation, public improvements, or community service activities. Activities must serve households earning less than 70% of the HUD published area median income. The Council has authorized the Manager to approve specific projects for use of funds.

Habitat for Humanity: \$50,000

The Council budgeted \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity to acquire property adjacent to property Habitat currently owns on Rusch Road located off of Rogers Road. Habitat intends to develop sixteen houses on the land for households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Acquisition of the additional property will allow Habitat to develop a larger subdivision.

The Council budgeted an additional \$50,000 from the Housing Loan Trust Fund for development costs including site improvements, architectural and engineering costs and infrastructure development).

Community Services: \$20,000

The Council budgeted \$11,000 to the Chapel Hill–Carrboro YMCA to continue operation of after school programs for children living in the Pine Knolls neighborhood and the South Estes Drive public housing community. We note that \$4,000 of funds from the 2000-2001 after school programs will also be used toward this program.

The Council also budgeted \$9,000 to the Orange County Literacy Council to operate computer-based literacy programs to public housing residents and other lower income Chapel Hill residents.

Program Administration: \$76,000

The Council budgeted \$76,000 for administration of the Community Development program. Funds will be used for the Community Development Coordinator's salary, a portion of the Long Range Planning Coordinator's salary, and overhead costs.