# TOWN OF CARRBORO • NC FACING RACE, EMBRACING EQUITY

## **Town of Carrboro Family Financial Assistance Program Summary** (February – May 2024)

The Carrboro Family Financial Assistance Program was created based on a need in the community, the commitment made by the Town Council in the Resolution Supporting Reparations for Black Carrboro and a recommendation from the Racial Equity Commission to assist Carrboro residents with financial challenges resulting from the pandemic for childcare, housing, utilities, and transportation. This program was funded by ARPA funds. Applications were accepted from January 16<sup>th</sup> to January 31, 2024. Special thanks to Orange County Social Services and Carrboro Finance and Housing and Community Services Departments and Race and Equity Team.

#### **Overview**

#### A total of 105 applications were received.

81 applications (households) were approved. The participants self-identified as

- 62 % Black or African American
- 17 % White
- 11 % Hispanic
- 3 % Other
- 2 % Asian Arabic
- 1.5% Asian
- 1.5% Asian Afghan
- 1 % Black Indian
- .5% Asian Indian
- .5% Native American

Assisted families speaking English, Spanish, Arabic and Pashto

Out of the 81 households approved, 18 did not receive funding and some households did not receive all requested funding.

\$77,600 not distributed due to a variety of reasons

- a. Currently no past due needs as of January 31st however needing relief for February and March
- b. Past due balances were already paid
- c. Unable to obtain documentation of requested amount
- d. Company policy prohibits payment from sources other than customer

15 applications were denied because seven household incomes were over program threshold and eight live outside of Carrboro.

8 still in pending status because information requested however never received to process application 1 not able to locate applicant

### The total amount of funding requested - \$206,086

Housing	\$ 162,267
Utilities	\$ 24,793
Transportation	\$ 17,095
Childcare	\$ 1,931

#### The total amount of funding dispersed - \$128,486

Housing	\$100,516	
Utilities	\$	22,431
Transportation	\$	4,683
Childcare	\$	856

