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**TO:** Carrboro Town Council

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THROUGH: Richard J. White III, Town Manager

**DATE:** June 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Additional Information Related to the OCPEH Expansion Request

On May 24, 2022, the Town Manager presented the Town Manager's Recommended FY23 Budget. To facilitate their decision-making process, the Town Council requested additional information on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) Executive Team's request for expanded funding. This information is provided below.

#### **Historical OCPEH Funding**

Since 2008 the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) has received yearly programmatic financial support, governed by an MOU, funded through the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund. The following table provides information on the past five years of funding from the Town to the OCPEH.

OCPEH Funding	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023*
Carrboro Share (Personnel and	\$16,575	\$23,378	\$35,232	\$35,232	\$35,202	\$34,733
Operations)						

<sup>\*</sup> In Town Manager's recommended budget (AHSRF)

#### **Current Funding**

The FY 2023 continuation request includes Carrboro's share of funding for: 1 Homeless Programs Manager, 1 Housing Access Coordinator, and .625 Homeless Programs Coordinator. This amount is included in the Manager's recommended budget in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund. It is also in keeping with the updated MOU presented in the June 14, 2022 Consent Agenda.

County Requested Continuation Funding								
	CHAPEL HILL ORANGE COUNTY			CARRBORO		HILLSBOROUGH		
Percentage Split	39.7%		39.5%		14.3%		6.5%	
<b>Total Continuation Request</b>	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.
\$242,891	\$96,428	\$96,428	\$95,942	\$95,942	\$34,733	\$34,733	\$15,788	\$15,788

#### **Expanded Funding Request**

In addition to the continuation request noted above (\$34,733), the OCPEH has requested an additional \$95,243 to support filling three of the homeless system gaps: a partial Rapid Re-housing program, the Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD) program, and the Housing Stability Coordinator and Housing Locator positions.

**Rapid Re-housing:** Provides financial assistance and case management services to people experiencing homelessness to help them obtain and maintain housing. The request is to fund one existing position and operating costs for the program.

**SOHRAD:** The Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD) program serves people living unsheltered, connecting them with services and housing. The request is to fund four existing positions and operating costs for the program: one Clinical Coordinator and three Peer Support Navigators.

**Housing Stability & Locator:** The Housing Stability Coordinator helps people who are at risk of homelessness maintain their housing or find new housing. The Housing Locator is available to help people who need extra support with their housing search. Currently people are searching for units for over three months, even with financial assistance in hand. These positions prevent homelessness and in cases where they cannot do this, they decrease the amount of time people experience homelessness.

County Recommended Expansion Funding									
		CHAPEL HILL		ORANGE COUNTY		CARRBORO		HILLSBOROUGH	
Percentage Split		39.7%		39.5%		14.3%		6.5%	
	Total	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.	PORTION	REC.
Rapid Re- housing	\$263,937	\$104,783	-	\$104,255	\$104,255	\$37,743	TBD	\$17,156	\$17,156
SOHRAD	\$307,493	\$122,075	\$122,075	\$121,460	\$121,460	\$43,971	TBD	\$19,987	\$19,987
Housing Stability & Locator	\$94,603	\$37,557	-	\$37,368	\$37,368	\$13,528	TBD	\$6,149	\$6,149
EXPANSION REQUEST	\$666,033	\$264,415	\$122,075	\$263,083	\$263,083	\$95,243	-	\$43,292	\$43,292
TOTAL COMPLETE BUDGET	\$908,924	\$360,843	\$218,502	\$359,025	\$359,025	\$129,976	-	\$59,080	\$59,080

To assist Council in making funding decisions, the following table lays out some potential funding options.

Options	Cost	Source	Considerations
Maintain current allocation: MOU in place that covers 15% of 2.65 positions	\$34,733	AHSRF	Already in Manager's Recommended FY23 Budget. Allows time to further analyze needs and funding structure and how the request fits the broader context of housing needs. Does not fund additional positions that help fill the homelessness system gaps.
Fund portion(s) of expansion request (such as SOHRAD)	TBD	TBD	Allows prioritization of programs. Addresses partial request/need.
Fund fully as requested	Expansion: \$95,243 + Continuation: \$34,733 Total: \$129,976	TBD	Serves extremely vulnerable residents; helps fill the homelessness system gaps. Funds additional positions to address issues of homelessness, but does not create units.

## Other Jurisdictions' Proposed Funding

During the budget discussion, Council Members asked how Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough are responding to the OCPEH's expanded funding request.

Orange County	Funding full expansion request with ARPA money.		
	Funding SOHRAD portion of expansion request (based on 2020		
Chapel Hill	population numbers); maintaining continuation funding; requested		
	additional conversation about the MOU.		
Hillshorough	Board authorized \$43,000 for additional affordable housing support,		
Hillsborough	with priority for the partnership.		

### **Revised Population Based Formula**

The revised MOU updates the funding split to 2020 census estimates. Numbers for the expansion request are noted below.

Jurisdiction	2010	Amount	2020	Amount
Orange County	39%	\$259,753	39.5%	\$263,083
Chapel Hill	41%	\$273,074	39.7%	\$264,415
Carrboro	15%	\$99,905	14.3%	\$95,243
Hillsborough	5%	\$33,302	6.5%	\$43,292
Total		\$666,033		\$666,033