

ATTACHMENT A

A RESOLUTION FOR CARRBORO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAPEL HILL CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Court fees and costs have a disparate impact on the poor; and

WHEREAS, these costs and fees create barriers to community members seeking to reintegrate into the community; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system due to historic and structural racism, making this is a racial equity issue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has established a Criminal Justice Debt Program that offers a small funding resource to eligible low-income individuals who have not been able to get court or other available debt relief from fees and costs imposed due to criminal justice or traffic court involvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has made provisions for residents of the Town of Carrboro to participate in this Criminal Justice Debt Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council believes it is important for local jurisdictions to address racial equity issues for members of the community seeking to reintegrate into the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Carrboro that:

1. The Carrboro Police Department is authorized to participate in the Chapel Hill Criminal Justice Debt Program as outlined under the terms and conditions of the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
2. The Town Manager is authorized to execute the attached MOU and make changes in it as deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Criminal Justice Debt Program.
3. The Carrboro Town Council has appropriated \$7,500 in its FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget to provide services to Carrboro residents that may be enrolled in the Criminal Justice Debt Program. The amount of future appropriations for the participation in the Criminal Justice Debt Program will be determined by the Carrboro Town Council during its annual budget process.
4. The Carrboro Chief of Police shall provide an annual report to the Carrboro Town Council on the accomplishments of the Criminal Justice Debt Program.
5. This resolution if effective immediately.