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Title:	Request to Authorize the Town Manager to Accept a CDBG-CV Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to consider authorizing the Town Manager to accept the award of a Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus from the North Carolina Department of Commerce.				
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to consider authorizing the Town Manager to accept the award of a Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus from the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT: Housing & Community Services Department; Finance Department

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INFORMATION: In November 2020, Housing and Community Services staff submitted an application for a CDBG-CV Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. In late December 2020, staff received notice that the Town was one of the successful grant recipients.

Funds from the grant will be used toward the Orange County administered Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program. The EHA program provides emergency financial assistance for housing related costs to help low-income households secure and maintain stable housing. To date, the EHA program has assisted more than 1,000 low-income households, including nearly 250 in Carrboro. The Town has expended all available CARES funds for this purpose but the urgent need for assistance has not abated. The additional funds from the CDBG-CV grant will ensure that we can continue to provide needed help to our residents.

To comply with the grant guidelines, the Town of Carrboro must enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Once the funding approval and grant agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce are completed, staff will complete a performance based agreement for the

administration of the grant with the Orange County Department of Housing and Community Development. Grant funds must be expended within 30 months.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The total project budget is $900,000. This includes up to $90,000 (10%) for administration. No matching contribution is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council consider adopting the resolution provided (Attachment A), authorizing the Town Manager to accept the CDBG-CV award from the Department of Commerce and permitting the Manager to enter into agreement for grant administration with Orange County.

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