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TITLE:

Human Services Funding for Fiscal Year 2016-17

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider human services funding allocation recommendations for FY 2016-17.

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office

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INFORMATION: The Town Manager's recommended budget includes an allocation of \$250,000 to be distributed to local nonprofit agencies providing services to the citizens of Carrboro. Over a period of several months, the applications for funding were reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Commission (HSAC). There were a total of 52 applications received, and requests for funding exceeded \$338,000.

Notes on Funding Recommendations

There are two funding recommendations staff wants to highlight for the Board to provide more information on the reasoning for the recommendations. The first is the funding recommendation for Communities in Schools of Orange County (CIS). The Town has been informed that CIS will not be performing the services they had requested funding for. CIS has informed staff the Town will likely be notified of their funding request withdrawal after the CIS Board of Directors meets on Tuesday, January 21, where a formal decision will be made. Having received this information, HSAC is recommending to not provide funding to CIS in FY 2016-17.

The second recommendation staff wants to provide information on is for Community Empowerment Fund. In FY 15-16 CEF received \$1,500 in Human Services grants and also received \$500 from the Affordable Housing Fund to make their allocation \$2,000. HSAC has expressed concerns around safety, best practices, and qualifications of those providing services the previous two years to CEF. These concerns were still remaining and is why the funding amount recommended this year is \$250 less than the total \$2,000 CEF received last year.

Last year, the Board requested that Chapel Hill and Orange County's funding recommendations be provided in this agenda item. Chapel Hill's funding recommendations can be found in Attachment C and Orange County's funding recommendations can be found in Attachment D.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The fiscal impact is \$250,000, which is included in the proposed FY 2016-17 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board consider approving the funding recommendations by approving the resolution in Attachment A.