



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Approval of Compliance Documents Required by the NC Department of Commerce as Part of Carrboro's Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Award.

PURPOSE: To approve four plans required by the NC Department of Commerce as part of Carrboro's Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) award.

DEPARTMENT: Housing and Community Services

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INFORMATION: On August 25, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper announced the availability of \$28 million from federal Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to be disbursed to support rental and utility payments and prevent evictions for those with a demonstrated need.

The Town of Carrboro applied for and was awarded CDBG-CV funds to be used with the Orange County's existing Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program for Carrboro residents. The program prevents evictions and homelessness by providing financial assistance to help residents with low incomes secure and maintain stable housing. EHA assistance is available to households in Orange County that earn no more than 60% of the area median income, have an urgent need for housing assistance, and lack resources to cover the cost of their housing need.

As part of the CDBG-CV grant compliance requirements, the Town must adopt the following plans that will apply to activities using CDBG-CV funds, and use the templates provided by the NC Department of Commerce:

- Fair Housing Plan (Attachment 1)
- Language Access Plan (Attachment 2)
- Section 3 Plan (Attachment 3)
- Equal Employment and Procurement Plan (Attachment 4)

The Town has contracted with Orange County to administer the grant and therefore these documents must be in line with the County's adopted plans and procedures. In order to adopt these plans, the Town Council must authorize the Mayor to sign the Fair Housing Plan, Language Access Plan, Section 3 Plan, and Equal Employment and Procurement Plan.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Approval of these plans is required in order to maintain Carrboro's \$900,000 CDBG-CV grant. There is no staff impact.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Fair Housing Plan, Language Access Plan, Section 3 Plan, and Equal Employment and Procurement Plan for activities funded with Carrboro's CDBG-CV award.