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TITLE:

Quarterly Report (2022 Q1) for the Town of Carrboro's CDBG-CV Grant No. 20-V-3525

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to receive the first quarter report for calendar year 2022, for the Town of Carrboro's Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) award from the NC Department of Commerce.

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INFORMATION: On August 25, 2020, Governor Cooper announced funding for three initiatives to help North Carolinians with rental and utility payments in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these initiatives provided the availability of \$27.5 million from a federal Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to be administered by incorporated municipalities with under 50,000 residents and counties with under 200,000 residents, through the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Local governments were encouraged to prioritize the support of rental and utility payments and eviction prevention.

The Town of Carrboro applied for, and was awarded, \$900,000 in CDBG-CV funds to be used with the Orange County's existing Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program, which provides financial assistance to help Orange County residents with low incomes secure and maintain stable housing. All CDBG-CV funds must be obligated by March 17, 2023.

As part of the CDBG-CV grant compliance requirements, the Town of Carrboro must provide quarterly written status reports to the Town Council on the use of the CDBG-CV funds. Each quarterly report must be signed by the Mayor and submitted to the NC Department of Commerce. This report (Attachment A) covers the first quarter of the calendar year, from January 2022 to March 2022.

As the CDBG-CV money is expended, and as a result of the HOPE program application period closing on December 17, 2021, Orange County Housing and Community Development representatives are meeting regularly with staff from Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough to determine if and when program changes should occur. The County has allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Emergency Housing Assistance Program and Carrboro residents will continue to receive rent, utility, and mortgage assistance after the CDBG-CV funding ends.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None noted in relation to the receipt of this report. Review and submission of quarterly reports is required to maintain compliance with the terms of the Town of Carrboro's \$900,000 CDBG-CV award. After the first quarter of Calendar Year 2022, \$226,811 remains in grant funds. The amount noted in Attachment A for the first quarter is lower than expected due to staffing shortages for EHA

administration at the County level.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council review Attachment A (1st Quarter Report for 2022) and authorize the Mayor to sign the report for submission to the NC Department of Commerce.