

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Report



OUR MISSION

Creating Partnership
Catalyzing Affordable Housing
Building Community

OUR VISION

A vibrant and inclusive community where all residents have access to affordable housing and opportunities to thrive.

This year, Housing and Community continued to advance the Town Council's affordable housing and community connections goals, while also responding to the community's human services needs amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlights from the year include:

- Deploying over \$2 Million to the community to support COVID-19 human services activities.
- Making progress to develop affordable housing on Town land, with Council approving the 2200 Homestead Road project, submitting a concept plan for Jay Street, and selecting a re-development partner for Trinity Court.
- Awarding \$1.8 Million to community partners for affordable housing development and preservation projects.
- Adapting community engagement efforts to reach residents during the pandemic by holding multi-lingual virtual public meetings, facilitating a virtual Peoples Academy, and providing residents with technology tools to participate in Town advisory boards and committees.
- Supporting the Re-Imagining Community Safety Task Force in developing recommendations to the Town Council to increase public safety and eliminate structural inequities in our public safety system.
- Collaborating with Orange County, Carrboro, and Hillsborough to develop a draft County-wide Racial Equity Framework.

COVID-19 Response



535

households provided Emergency Housing Assistance



\$863,086

additional funding allocated for Emergency Housing Assistance



66

homeless residents provided with safe, temporary housing, in collaboration with our partners



12,214

masks distributed to vulnerable populations and the broader community



139

children received school and childcare support through Neighborhood Support Circles and Scholastic Support Centers



18,500

boxes of food provided at our weekly food distributions



OUR SUCCESSES

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Affordable Housing



\$6.3 million

Town Budget for affordable housing strategies



198

affordable housing units approved by Council



\$1.8 million

deployed to community partners for projects



85%

of funding available allocated to projects



130

new development units awarded funding from the Town



603

preservation units awarded funding from the Town

Community Connections



\$1.2 million

Town budget for Community Connections Strategies



39

nonprofits funded by our Human Services Program



12

public meetings included interpretation services in language other than English



39

residents graduated from our Peoples Academy



7,814

readership of the Tar Heel Citizen Times, our newsletter to UNC students living off-campus



46

virtual community engagement meetings facilitated