

## Legislation Text

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Discussion on alternative approaches to the Minor Home Repair Program

Issue/Request:

A discussion regarding a staff proposal for Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity (THHFH) to use Community Development Block Grant funds to offer to Lee's Summit qualified homeowners a home repair program in place of the City's Minor Home Repair program.

Key Issues:

The CDBG program addresses three national objectives; Benefit to low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons; Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need). The program is administered locally with community goals and objectives identified during the Consolidated Plan (CON PLAN) process and implemented through Annual Action Plans (AP). Home repairs have been an identified need in multiple CON PLANS and a Minor Home Repair (MHR) program has been a part of many APs.

This discussion is a review of the current MHR program and a proposed alternative to addressing the home repair need.

The THHFH has a growing interest in expanding their program in Eastern Jackson County communities by working together with cities to maximize the effectiveness and benefit of their CDBG and HOME funds. Due to the nature and operation of their program, there is opportunity to save time and money, as well as provide a benefit to more homeowners, when compared to the City's current MHR program.

The presentation and discussion will provide further details about the similarities, differences, and benefits of each program.

Background:

Several years ago, THHFH presented a similar proposal to CEDC to allow the City to transfer its MHR funds to the then THHFH's "A Brush With Kindness (ABWK)" home repair program. The proposal at the time was more restrictive than the current proposal, and was not endorsed by the decision-making body.

Impact/Analysis:

The two programs will be examined closely in terms of their impact, efficiency and effectiveness.

Timeline:

Start: 2020

Finish: 2024

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Recommendation: Staff is seeking Committee feedback and support for the proposal.

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