City of Pensacola

Memorandum

File #: 20-00602   Community Redevelopment Agency   10/5/2020

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Jared Moore, Chairperson

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF RESIDENTIAL RESILIENCY PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) amend the Fiscal Year 2021 CRA Work Plan to include establishment and implementation of a CRA Residential Resiliency Program to provide assistance for damage repair and prevention, in emergency response to Hurricane Sally, to property owners located with the City of Pensacola's adopted Urban Core, Westside and Eastside community redevelopment areas. Further, that the CRA authorize staff to proceed with the development and administration of the program, including implementation of administrative elements by partner agencies, such as BRACE, Red Cross, and United Way, as may be appropriate to maximize program utilization and impact. Finally, that the CRA authorize the CRA Chairperson to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to implement the program, including the incorporation of administrative elements by partner agencies.

SUMMARY:

This item is presented as an add-on item in an effort to expedite the provision for emergency assistance in response to damages caused by Hurricane Sally.

In an effort to expeditiously remedy damage to homes and property caused by Hurricane Sally and, concurrently, harden homes against future natural disasters, it is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) approve the development and administration of a CRA Residential Resiliency Program. The proposed program will provide assistance for residential property located within the City of Pensacola's adopted Urban Core, Westside, and Eastside community redevelopment areas to repair damage caused by the hurricane and harden structures against damage from future natural disasters. It is anticipated that typical repairs will include emergency roof repair and replacement, hazardous tree removal and trimming, emergency electrical, plumbing, and structural repair and repair of outdoor mechanical equipment, such as HVAC and elevation in high hazard flood areas. However, the program will principally target roof repair/replacement of damaged roofs and removal of fallen or damaged trees.

To maximize the program's efficiency and impact, staff will further explore partnership opportunities to facilitate administrative and outreach services through non-profit agencies such as BRACE, Red Cross, and United Way. In an effort to expedite emergency assistance, it is recommended that the

CRA authorize the CRA Chairperson to negotiate and execute any documents that may be necessary to implement the program, including any agreements that may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of administrative elements by partner agencies. Draft program guidelines are attached and subject to legal review.

The proposed program is consistent with the Urban Core, Westside, and Eastside community redevelopment plans and the public purposes authorized by the Community Redevelopment Act Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, including elimination and prevention of blight, revitalization of neighborhoods, the elimination or improvement of the shortage of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents and the preservation or enhancement of the tax base.

PRIOR ACTION:

August 8, 2020 - CRA approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Work Plan.

FUNDING:

Budget:	$ 150,000	Urban Core Affordable Housing
	100,000	Eastside Affordable Housing
	75,000	Westside Affordable Housing
	$ 325,000	
Actual:	$ 325,000	Estimate

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the FY2021 Approved Budget as well as the balances from FY 2020 that will be brought forward on an Unencumbered Carryover Resolution in December.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

        10/1/2020

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ATTACHMENTS:

   1) Draft Program Guidelines - Residential Resiliency Program

PRESENTATION: No