

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Grants and Community Development Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: CDBG's Residential Rehabilitation Program

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I. Action to Be Considered by The Board:

The Board is requested to approve adding \$8,435 to the previously board approved expense of \$65,270 for a total of \$73,705 including a contingency cost of \$7,500 to bring the property to minimum standards pursuant to CDBG regulations.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The Lower Merion Township CDBG Residential Rehabilitation program requires staff to obtain approval from the Board of Commissioners when a Residential Rehabilitation project funded with CDBG funds exceeds \$50,000.

III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):

Approval from the Board of Commissioners is required for Residential Rehabilitation projects exceeding the \$50,000 base threshold for expenditures.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

This project was approved by the Board to fund the original scope of work at their July 12th meeting, with \$15,270 in additional funds over the pre-approved \$50,000. During demolition and reconstruction, many issues have been uncovered that must be fixed, including rotted joists, cracked soil pipe, leaking plumbing, cracked radiators and additional layers of roofing that had to be removed. The cost of these items has exceeded the \$5,000 contingency already in place.

V. Impact on Township Finances:

There is no impact to the Township's finances. All funds are federal CDBG funds.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the additional funding request.