

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Grants and Community Development Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: CDBG Residential Rehabilitation Program

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I. Action to Be Considered by The Board:

Approve adding \$107,000 to the staff approved emergency project expense of \$25,000 for a total of \$132,000 (excluding lead related work) to bring this home in Bryn Mawr 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 an Emergency Residential Rehabilitation project funded with CDBG funds exceeds \$25,000.

III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):

Approval from the Board of Commissioners is required for Emergency Residential Rehabilitation projects exceeding the \$25,000 base threshold for expenditures.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

This single-family home in Bryn Mawr needs a new roof, extensive lead abatement, and structural re-build of front porch, 2-story portion on the rear of the house, and concrete landing and steps at the rear door. This initial funding approval is sought in advance of the bidding process in order to avoid a delay in project start date. Staff may request additional funding once bids are in and work begins.

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.