

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Grants and Community Development Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Community Development Block Grant Residential Rehabilitation Program

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I. Action to Be Considered by The Board:

Approve adding \$41,000 to the staff approved expense of \$75,000 for a total of \$116,000 (excluding lead abatement costs) including a contingency cost of \$10,000 to bring this home in Ardmore 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 \$75,000.

III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):

Approval from the Board of Commissioners is required for Residential Rehabilitation projects exceeding the \$75,000 base threshold for expenditures.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

This single-family residence in Ardmore requires extensive lead removal, replacement of lead paint coated front porch windows, new front landing and steps, interior rehabilitation of bathroom and lead paint affected areas, and re-build of rear one story structure, including back steps and landing. 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.