

# **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:**

Approve adding \$11,500 to the previously approved expense of \$56,500 for a total of \$68,000 including a contingency cost of \$6,500 to bring this twin 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 \$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 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, with \$6,500 in additional funds over the pre-approved \$50,000. After further inspection and demolition, some issues have been uncovered that must be addressed, including a cracked soil pipe, leaking lead pipes in the bathroom, knob and tube wiring and some roof work. 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.