

Legislation Text

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Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte Funding for Housing Rehabilitation

Action:

Approve a Community Development Block Grant allocation in the amount of \$375,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte for single-family housing rehabilitation.

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Explanation

- Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte (Habitat) is requesting \$375,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to continue partnering with the City to rehabilitate 33 homes of low and moderate-income families through its Critical Home Repair Program.
- Since 2010, Habitat has collaborated with the City on this program to rehabilitate more than 300 homes. Habitat has an existing pipeline of eligible clients and anticipates expending these funds by July 2019.
- The need for this service outpaces the City's ability to respond to the demand. By partnering with Habitat, the City can serve more families. The organization's unique business model, business partners, and volunteer network allow it to leverage the City's investment at a 1:1 ratio. These results are achieved primarily through volunteer hours, private funding, and donated materials.
- This funding will help the City meet its housing program goals, which include:
 - Preserving the existing affordable housing stock,
 - Preventing displacement of homeowners, and
 - Allowing homeowners to age in place by creating a suitable living environment.

Background

- On May 14, 2018, City Council adopted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (Plan). The CDBG program supports the Plan, which:
 - Identifies the need for affordable, safe, and decent housing for low and moderate-income families, and
 - Reaffirms three basic goals of the City's Housing Policy:
 - Preserve the existing housing stock,
 - Expand the supply of affordable housing, and
 - Support family self-sufficiency initiatives.
- The CDBG program's primary goal is to increase the stock and quality of affordable housing units serving households earning 80 percent of the area median income (\$56,550) or below.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Community Development Block Grant (HUD Funding)