

AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

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Requestor Name: Lopez, Gabriel Date Submitted: 4/03/2024

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Position Title Engineering Technician

For City Staff Only

Agenda Location: Discussion

(e.g.: Consent Agenda/ Discussion Item/ Public Hearing/ Executive Session/ Presentation)

Agenda Content:

Discuss, consider, and/or approve a resolution regarding the City of Bay City's participation in the State of Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Homeowner Reconstruction Program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Executive Summary of Item:

BACKGROUND: The Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program, administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), strives to expand affordable housing through public-private partnerships. The program supports various initiatives, including homeowner reconstruction, homebuyer assistance, rental assistance, and housing development, with a focus on rural areas and households in need of assistance.

Recognizing the importance of reconstructing owner-occupied homes to enhance the quality of life for homeowners, the City of Bay City seeks to participate in the Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program. To formalize its continued participation, a resolution has been prepared for City Council's consideration, authorizing Bay City to apply to TDHCA's Homeowner Reconstruction Assistance Program and enter into a new Reservation Agreement. This agreement ensures Bay City's ongoing access to the program's support and resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The resolution appoints the City Mayor and the City Manager as Bay City's representatives for all HOME Program dealings, including the signing of necessary documents. It also plans for Bay City to allocate up to \$40,000 from its budget as a reserve for initial costs, awaiting state reimbursement. Additionally, the City is prepared to meet the program's 15% match requirement for Rehabilitation Assistance, with exceptions for assisting Persons with Disabilities and Disaster Relief, notably aiding homeowners affected by Hurricane Harvey without additional cost to the city. The maximum grant funds available per home is \$150,000.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY: Participating in the Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program will have a significant positive impact on Bay City's community. The program will enhance the overall quality of life, promote social equity, and contribute to the city's economic stability by improving housing conditions for residents, including low-income households. Reconstructing owner-occupied homes will provide safe and comfortable living spaces for families, maintain property values, and enhance neighborhood aesthetics. The program's focus on assisting Persons with Disabilities and Disaster Relief, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, highlights Bay City's dedication to supporting its residents.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council adopt this resolution to apply for the Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program, affirming Bay City's commitment to improving housing conditions and enhancing community well-being through affordable housing

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution