



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commissioners

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager 

DATE: July 27, 2026

RE: **APPROVE THE CITY OF HARTFORD HOME REHABILITATION GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST TO MSHDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the City of Hartford's Homeowner Rehabilitation grant application request to Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

DISCUSSION:

MSHDA has released the 4th round of Community Development Block Grant funding. The city manager submitted a letter of interest for the homeowner rehabilitation grant. The city was chosen to submit an application for \$400,000. The funding can be used to repair and improve homes for Low- to Medium-income homeowners to address health, safety, and energy-efficiency needs. If awarded, we will have \$328,000 to rehab up to 15 houses. To administer the grant, the administration fee is 18%, or \$72,000.

MSHDA's homeowner rehabilitation program will have a meaningful and measurable impact on the city. Investing in owner-occupied homes will improve the safety, structural integrity, and code compliance of housing units. Reduce blight and stabilize neighborhoods. Preserve affordable homeownership and prevent displacement. Just to name a few benefits.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission approves the City of Hartford's Homeowner Rehabilitation grant application request to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).