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DATE: June 18, 2024
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Senior Home Repair Grant Program

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider establishing the Senior Home Repair Grant Program and allocate funding through a budget adjustment if the program is approved.

Introduction

This report proposes creating a Senior Home Repair Grant Program to support low—to moderate-income seniors in Rio Dell. This program draws inspiration from successful initiatives the Humboldt Senior Resource Center implemented. The City would allocate funding to eligible individual projects, with a maximum award of \$300 per project. A total program budget of \$5,000 is proposed.

Program Description

The Senior Home Repair Grant Program would provide financial assistance to eligible seniors for minor home modifications that improve safety and accessibility. Examples of repairs include:

- Grab bar installations in bathrooms
- Repairs to trip hazards, stairs, and railings
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation
- Minor plumbing and electrical repairs
- Weatherization improvements

Eligibility

- Must be 60 years of age or older
- Must meet income eligibility requirements
- Rio Dell residency

Funding

Funding for the program could be allocated through a budget adjustment, subject to City Council approval.

Benefits

- Improves the safety and well-being of Rio Dell seniors by allowing them to remain independent in their homes.
- Reduces the potential for falls and injuries.
- May reduce long-term healthcare costs.

Next Steps

If the City Council approves this proposal, staff will develop a detailed program application, income verification process, and a contractor selection procedure.

Conclusion

The Senior Home Repair Grant Program is a cost-effective way to support Rio Dell's senior population and promote healthy aging in place.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Humboldt Senior Resource Center Presentation Information