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Committee:
Redevelopment Authority

Meeting Date:
4/28/2025

Subject:

Review and act on a request by Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha & Jefferson Counties for \$50,000 from the Affordable Housing Rehabilitation program for their Home Preservation Program for Critical Home Repairs

Details:

In 2021 the Redevelopment Authority approved a contribution in the form of a grant of \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity for their Home Preservation Program. This program assists low-income homeowners with critical home repairs. The agreement was set up so once a project was identified that met the program requirements, the City would disburse \$5,000 to Habitat. The initial \$50,000 has all been disbursed resulting in the assistance provided to ten (10) Waukesha homeowners for critical home repairs they might not otherwise have been able to afford. The idea behind the grant was that Habitat could leverage other funding sources and donations to make the money go further. We have been tracking the amounts and the initial \$50,000 leveraged an additional \$79,272 for a total of \$129,262 in home repair work.

Given the success of the first round of funding, Habitat is requesting another \$50,000, which would fund 10 more critical home repair projects.

Options & Alternatives:

The Redevelopment Authority can adjust any aspect of the proposal or deny the request.

Financial Remarks:

The Redevelopment Authority's Affordable Housing Rehab Program has an uncommitted balance of \$247,004.94. This program is funded as a grant so it will not be repaid.

Executive Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the request to approve a grant of \$50,000 from the Affordable Housing Rehab Program to the Habitat for Humanity Home Preservation Program, with the following conditions:

1. Recipient households must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income level.
2. Requests for fund disbursements shall include the amount of additional funds being utilized and the annual household income of the recipient.