

June 26, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director *DC for LCB*
Family Services Department

FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, Esq., AICP
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item July 18, 2017
July 2017 Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant
Recipient

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division administers the Neighborhood Pride Grant Program that provides funds for citizen organizations to enhance the quality of their neighborhoods. There has been a continued interest from a wide range of neighborhood organizations for funding requests under the Neighborhood Pride Grant Program.

The Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant Program is a strategy developed to respond to the rising foreclosure rates in Orange County. The purpose of this strategy is to assist Orange County neighborhoods threatened by physical decline and crippled by high foreclosures. The program is an opportunity to partner with nonprofit and faith-based organizations to provide minor housing repairs to owner-occupied homes in certain communities in Orange County through the use of community volunteers.

The grants are categorized as "Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant I" and "Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II" and are available countywide in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant I is designed to encourage grassroots organizations to assist homeowners that are in need of minor exterior repairs. The organization provides the volunteer labor to perform the repairs and the Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division purchases all the required materials for an amount not to exceed \$1,500. It is expected that these grants will benefit one to three homes per organization.

The Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II will provide direct cash funding to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate organizational readiness to make minor repairs on a number of homes in a concentrated area. These nonprofits may contract or use volunteer labor to conduct the housing repair. However, preference will be given to those nonprofits that incorporate volunteer labor. The award amount for Grant II will typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. It is estimated that these grants will benefit five to 30 homes per organization.

The Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board is recommending consideration of Holden Heights Front Porch Florida Revitalization Council for Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II. The grant requests are displayed in greater detail in Attachment A with the following conditions:

1. Applicant is required to provide a line item budget prior to the detailed disbursement of any funds.
2. No more than 5% of the total grant funds may be utilized for contracted labor.
3. All selected vendors must be pre-approved, must be accompanied by three quotes and must provide proof of insurance.
4. Applicant must adhere to contract conflict of interest requirements.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of July 2017 Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II with conditions as recommended by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for Holden Heights Front Porch Florida Revitalization Council (\$20,000). District 6.

Attachment

c: Antwan Nelson, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division
Karen S. Willis, Chairperson, Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board

Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant
Orange County Board of County Commissioners
July 18, 2017 Consent Agenda
ATTACHMENT A

District	Organization	Community Served	# of Homes	Grant Program	Work Performed	Requested Amount
6	Holden Heights Front Porch Florida Revitalization Council	Holden Heights	5	Grant II	Minor Exterior repair and painting	\$20,000
			Total Requests			\$20,000

Attachment B

**Neighborhood Pride Grant
Profile**

Organization Name: Holden Heights Front Porch Revitalization Council

Commission District 6: Victoria P. Siplin

Request Amount: \$20,000

Matching Amount: \$0

Total Project Cost: \$20,000

Municipality Jurisdiction: N/A

Type of Grant: Non-Profit
Housing Repair

Summary: The Holden Heights Front Porch Revitalization Council wishes to make minor exterior renovations to a number of homes in the Holden Heights community.