

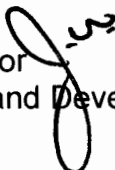


Interoffice Memorandum

**AGENDA ITEM**

February 11, 2019

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director   
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Department

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SUBJECT: March 12, 2019 – Consent Item  
March 2019 Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair  
Grant

The Neighborhood Services 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 Services Division purchases all the required materials in 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 provides direct funding to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate organizational readiness to make minor repairs to 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 Rebuilding Together Orlando for a Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II (\$20,000). The grant request is displayed in greater detail in Attachment A and will adhere to these conditions:

1. Applicant is required to provide a line item budget prior to the 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, accompanied by three quotes, and provide proof of insurance.
4. Applicant must adhere to the conflict of interest requirements.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board's recommendation of Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II, with conditions to Rebuilding Together Orlando (\$20,000). District 6**

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Attachment

Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant  
Orange County Board of County Commissioners  
March 12, 2019 Consent Agenda  
**ATTACHMENT A**

District	Organization	Community Served	# of Homes	Grant Program	Work Performed	Requested Amount
6	Rebuilding Together Orlando	Pine Hills	5	Grant II	Minor Exterior repair and painting	\$20,000
			<b>Total Requests</b>			<b>\$20,000</b>