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**Receive a report and discuss updates to the Minor Home Repair Program.**

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**REQUESTOR:**

Councilmember Omar Roman

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2023-24, the City Council initiated a Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP), designed to support low-income homeowners in the City of Farmers Branch. The program is designed to improve the sustainability of homes for those in need of assistance by making essential exterior repairs.

During the July 16, 2024, City Council meeting, updates to the Minor Home Repair Program were discussed to modify eligibility, ensure the program serves those who need it most, and increase its efficiency, while continuing the program for another year. The MHRP now utilizes market home value as verified by the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD), as well as verifying a homestead exemption on DCAD for owner-occupancy. Qualified homeowners may now receive assistance through a grant from the City, not exceeding \$5,000. Costs above \$5,000 will remain the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

The MHRP goals and objectives remain the same, in which eligible projects should achieve one or more of the following objectives:

1. Bring the dwelling into compliance with the City's residential property maintenance standards.
2. Protect the health and safety of the residents and/or the neighborhood.
3. Provide accessibility modifications.
4. Improve the livability of the property and/or the neighborhood.

**DISCUSSION:**

As the Council established the program as a pilot project in 2024, it is scheduled to sunset this fiscal year (2024-25). Code Enforcement has been managing this program. To date, the program has completed eight projects at a total cost of \$40,073 for approved homeowners. Two additional residents have received approval for their applications, and we will proceed to obtain bids. Additionally, four applications are still with residents that need to be completed and submitted. To date, the program has a fund balance of \$34,927 available for future assistance.

This agenda item intends to seek the Council's direction for the next fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Budgeted Financial Impact of \$75,000 approved in FY 2024-25.

**DISTRICT:**

Citywide

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Presentation



# Minor Home Repair Program Updates

**Budget Workshop | June 24, 2025**

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## Minor Home Repair Program

# History

The City Council initiated the Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) in 2023-24.

To optimize the Minor Home Repair Program, discussions focused on adjusting eligibility, prioritizing individuals with the highest need, and enhancing its operational efficiency.

The MHRP now utilizes market home values, as verified by the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD), and requires verification of a homestead exemption on file with DCAD for homeowners.

Qualified homeowners can receive up to \$5,000 in assistance through the MHRP. Homeowners are responsible for any costs exceeding this amount.



The Minor Home Repair Program

# A catalyst Of hope

## Hope

As a Catalyst of Hope, the Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) transforms our communities, lives, and homes. It creates lasting changes and helps our neighbors thrive.

### Detailed Breakdown:

- ✓ Completed Projects: The Minor Home Repair Program has successfully completed eight (8) projects.
- ✓ Funds: The program has utilized \$40,073 of its funds, with \$34,927 remaining available.
- ✓ New Applications: Two (2) new applications have been finalized.
- ✓ Potential Projects: We are reviewing four (4) applications submitted by residents.



# What's Next For The Program?

## Continuing The Program

The MHRP is set to expand its reach to more homeowners through the development of an online portal, which is intended to increase resident access and enhance the application process.

## Celebrations And Partnerships

Partnerships with community organizations, and non-profit groups are key to improving program outreach.

## Ongoing Evaluation and Improvement

To ensure the program's long-term success, regularly evaluate its performance and make adjustments based on feedback and data.

## Code Cares Program

The MHRP will engage in collaborative efforts with the Code Cares Program, aiming to uplift community aesthetics and cultivate a stronger sense of unity and mutual support among its members.

## Project Funding

Each approved participant in the MHRP is eligible to receive the maximum assistance of \$5,000.



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# Discussion & Direction

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