



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Emergency Home Repair Funding Application

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider approving an application from the Marian Cheek Jackson Center, on behalf of Carrboro resident Lillie Brown, for a grant from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund for emergency electrical repairs.

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office

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INFORMATION: The property at 7619 Rogers Road in Carrboro is owned by Lillie Brown, who resides there with her mother Addie. Both Lillie and Addie are over 65 years of age, have a household income of 50% of the area median income and have lived at the residence since the 1960s.

During a project to put in a new HVAC system, funded by the Inter-Faith Council, electricians noticed that the current electrical wiring of the house is unsafe. The Jackson Center is requesting grant of up to \$3,000 from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund to cover the exact cost of the electrical repair.

Bonneville Electric has proposed to complete this project in at least two stages. The first stage will map the circuits and create an accurate panel schedule so proper tests of the system can take place. After a nonprofit discount is given by Bonneville to the Jackson Center, this stage is estimated to cost \$950. These tests will determine the necessary repairs that will need to take place in the next step or steps. It is expected that the total repairs will be less than the \$3,000 requested, but the Jackson Center is requesting up to this amount to avoid in further delays in fixing Ms. Brown's electrical issues. Any steps taken after the first stage will be approved by Town staff and funds will be disbursed for the exact amount documented.

After complete review of the Jackson Center's application, Town staff has determined the project meets all the criteria for use of the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund currently has \$37,750 available to support affordable housing projects. After funding this project, there will be at least \$34,750 remaining.

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff finds that this project meets the criteria for use of funds from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund and therefore it is recommended that the request for grant funds in the amount of up to \$3,000 be approved by the Board.