

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND
Resolution 2022-R-14

Introduced by: CM David Lingua
Date Introduced: September 19, 2022
Date Adopted: September 19, 2022
Date Effective: September 19, 2022

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending the Town of Riverdale Park's Emergency Repair Grant Program in response to recent flooding events throughout the Town.

WHEREAS, the Town established the Emergency Repair Grant Program on March 25, 2020, to assist homeowners with emergency repairs in homes and business owners with emergency repairs in their businesses that would otherwise remain a problem; and

WHEREAS, the Town has experienced significant flooding, causing water-related damage (such as rot and mold) that may lead to serious long-term health effects; and

WHEREAS, due to the economic downturn, the ability of some Town residents and businesses to make necessary repairs to their homes and businesses has decreased; and

WHEREAS, the ability of Town residents and businesses to properly address emergency repairs is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Riverdale Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 2017-R-12 establishing a vision and commitment statement for Housing and Neighborhoods that delineates in part that housing and neighborhoods need to be clean, well-built, and maintained; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 2018-R-05 establishing a vision and commitment statement for Business and Economic Development that delineates in part that the attraction, retention, and expansion of business and economic development activities are recognized as the foundation upon which strong and sustainable communities are built; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to create an Emergency Repair Grant Program that is available to both residents and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Riverdale Park hereby amends the Emergency Repair Grant Program as follows:

1. Grants shall be available to qualified residents and businesses
2. Eligibility shall include a means test that includes income and asset verification
3. Grants shall require a 1:2 match for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a 1:1 match thereafter

4. The maximum grant award shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) unless the applicant can demonstrate the emergency repair is due to a natural disaster, in which case the maximum grant shall increase to five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
5. Applicants who demonstrate a gross household income no greater than 50% of the Area Median Income, shall have the matching requirement waived
6. Residential grants shall be made from the Community Development Fund
7. Business grants shall be made from the Economic Development Fund
8. Grants are subject to funding availability
9. Program expires on December 31, 2022 unless extended by the Mayor and Council

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK


Jessica E. Barnes, Town Clerk


Alan K. Thompson, Mayor