

Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Changes to the Residential Exterior Improvement Program Grant Guidelines
Meeting Date: May 4, 2021
Presenter: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Department: City Administration

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affordability & Financial Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The City of Milton created the Residential Exterior Improvement Program in 2019. Since that time, the guidelines have undergone some minor changes annually as the program matures. During the review of the 2021 applications, the Community Development Authority suggested two additional changes to the program guidelines that would affect this year's applications.

Analysis and Key Issues

The first change would be clarify that a property must be zoned residential to receive an award. This would eliminate any confusion between whether a property is considered residential or commercial.

The second change would be to allow for the repair of hard surface driveways that have fallen into disrepair. Previously, only non-hard surface driveways that were being replaced with a hard surface were eligible. The CDA felt there are numerous examples of existing hard surface driveways that have fallen into disrepair that could have a blighting influence on the property and surrounding neighborhood that the grant could address.

Fiscal Impact

These changes would have no fiscal impact to the annual grant cycle.

Recommended Motion

The City Administration recommends approval of the two suggested changes to the Residential Exterior Improvement Program guidelines.

Attachments

- Residential Exterior Improvement Program Guidelines (Highlighted Changes)