TULSA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2016
TO: Chairman and Board Members
FROM: Dwain E. Midget, Director Working In Neighborhoods Department - COT
SUBJECT: Emergency Repair Grant Program – TDA’s March 30, 2016 Tornado Home Repair Relief Program

Background: Owner Tulsa Development Authority
Project Manager: Working In Neighborhoods – Housing Division
Supervisors: Brant Pitchford and Lottie Nealy
Location: 175 E. 2nd Street – 5th floor
Program Funding: $200,000.00

Relevant Info: This is a status update on the number of eligible residents residing in the designated area of the March 30, 2016 tornado that have received assistance from funding provided by TDA. The program’s funding is designed to assist qualified applicants to repair home conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants. TDA funds are being applied under the same regulations required by HUD for WIN’s Emergency Repair Grant program.

As of today:
25 total applications
6 applications “work in progress”
19 application completed

$75,013 in funds allocated
$124,987 is balance of funds

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Attachments:
Recommendations: Staff recommends this item be accepted as presented
Reviewed By: O.C. Walker
Proposal – Expansion
WIN proposes to expand the “area of assistance” and “service types”. This would continue in the spirit of purpose of the 3104 funds and would also continue to assist WIN fill the gap from lack of funding in some areas and the assistance of citizens between the 51% and 80% of median income.

This proposal would take the remaining $125,000 and split it into assistance in two different types of services.

Owner Occupied Rehab Loan Program:
$70,000 would be allocated for the use of two full rehabs using WIN’s current Owner Occupied Rehab Loan program as a model. WIN would assist two homeowners with full rehabs of their homes and would set the standard 5 year forgivable loan.

WIN normally performs on average 15 rehab loans per year. This year’s HOME funding allocation will only allow WIN to perform 11 rehab loans. WIN currently has over 400 names on the Rehab Loan Program’s waiting list.

Emergency Repair Program:
The remaining balance $55,000 (approximately) would continue to assist owner occupied citizen with Emergency Repairs, but we would expand the area of assistance to the North Tulsa Sector Plan (see attached map), rather than restricting it to storm related repairs in the March 2016 impact area. The expansion would also make other emergency repairs beyond the storm damage. This expansion would still follow WIN’s established Emergency Repair Guidelines.

Summary:
All funds would still be helping low to mod, owner/occupied citizens, but would expand the service beyond storm damage and would also continue to bridge the gap of those that are 51% - 80% of median income.