

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: December 19, 2013

SUBJECT: 2013 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program Funding

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

PREPARED BY: Carmen Ogden, Planner, for Richard T. Parker, Community Development Director

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Resolution No.1859

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In 2000, the Town of Prescott Valley's first "Growing Smarter" General Plan 2020 required the Town to address existing housing inventory as an element of the General Plan. The Plan's Housing Element depicted the impact that the quality of existing housing has on Prescott Valley's economic prosperity and community health. Prescott Valley recognized that when its residents are financially capable of maintaining their homes, they develop greater pride in their community (resulting in sustained quality housing).

In 2002, with the help of NACOG, Prescott Valley established an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) program which aids low to moderate income level homeowners who are physically or financially unable to repair or maintain their properties. Up to 2009, the program was managed by NACOG on behalf of the Town. Since 2009, the Town has managed its own program and has received \$990,000 in grants funded with Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) HOME Funds and Arizona State Trust Funds administered by the ADOH.

The OOHR program targets special needs populations (disabled, elderly, low income, houses with children under 18) in specific areas identified within the General Plan's Redevelopment Areas. The OOHR program has been highly successful to date. Over 60 homeowners have received help to rehabilitate substandard homes and/or replace mobile homes and there is a list of over 35 qualified applicants who are waiting for acceptance into the program.

The ADOH announced at a meeting in Phoenix on October 29, 2013 its intention to reallocate FY 2013 HOME funds from Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation to another program. Additionally, since the economic down-turn of the past few years, State Housing Trust Funds (another source of funding for the OOHR program) have been cut substantially. These actions jeopardize the continued success of Prescott Valley's OOHR program.

Town staff is proposing a proactive approach to encourage the State Legislator's funding for the continued success of this program and is asking for the Town Council's support in this endeavor.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: For background only. Town Council may vote to:

- 1). Approve the resolution, OR
 - 2). Decline approval
 - 3). Direct staff to pursue other options
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ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1859, authorizing all actions necessary to support restoration of the State Housing Fund and to support the current Arizona Department of Housing allocation of 2013 funds to Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, **OR** Motion not to approve Resolution No.1859. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council approve a resolution expressing support of the continued funding of the Home Program and restoration of the Housing Trust Fund in conjunction with the State's Budget process.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: This program improves the overall housing stock in the Town, provides jobs to the community, and potentially raises property values.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____