

## CDBG – Funding Alternatives

The funds originally set aside for the paving of Borden Park can *only* be applied towards “construction type” activities listed below. The funds *cannot* be applied towards “service type” activities such as Rochester Area Youth Assistance, HAVEN or Low-Income Senior Citizen Home Chore Program.

**Minor Home Repair:** Minor home repairs for low-income residents of the city including:

- Furnace Repair / Replacement
- Mobile Home Roofing Repairs
- ADA Compliant – Handicap ramp installation
- Water / Sewer Line Connection Charges
- Emergency Plumbing Issues

*Issue: Since 2001, the City of Rochester Hills has used \$161,439 of CDBG funding to help low-income residents with a variety of household repairs including:*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>\$\$'s Spent</b>	<b>Residents Served</b>
MH Roof	\$ 81,004.05	34
Furnace	\$ 61,714.01	38
Plumbing	\$ 5,921.05	6
Deck Repair	\$ 4,900.00	2
Handicap Ramp	\$ 2,800.00	1
Handicap Bathroom	\$ 2,795.00	1
Window Repair	\$ 2,304.92	2
	<b>\$ 161,439.03</b>	<b>84</b>

<b>Location</b>	<b>\$\$'s Spent</b>	<b>Residents Served</b>
Mobile Home Parks	\$ 116,908.61	63
Brooklands Sub.	\$ 27,499.92	13
Other	\$ 17,030.50	8
	<b>\$ 161,439.03</b>	<b>84</b>

*The City of Rochester Hills has used a variety of advertising methods to promote the use of CDBG funds for Minor Home Repair programs including:*

- *Mailers*
- *Flyers distributed in Mobile Home Park*
- *Advertisement in Hills Herald*
- *Mayor’s Dept. staff receiving phone calls requesting help*

**Parks / Recreation:** For the development or improvement of publicly owned recreational facilities including:

- Playground Equipment
- Picnic Facilities
- Restrooms
- Pathways
- Fencing / Signage

*Issue: Use of CDBG funding to accomplish projects included within Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which were brought forward in the budget process, but not approved due to budget constraints.*

**Remove Architectural Barriers:** Retrofitting public facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards including:

- Installing curb cuts/ramps at intersections
- Automatic doors
- Barrier Free Restrooms
- Does Not Include Sidewalk repairs

*Issue: Lack of demand or ability to use, due to HUD constraints, for projects. A number of eligible projects have already been accomplished by using CDBG funds.*

**Special Assessments:** To pay for Special Assessments levied against low income households for sewer, street, sidewalk, water or drainage improvements.

*Issue: Lack of Local Road funding to bring forward SAD paving projects. \$32,000 has already been allocated to help offset the Special Assessment levy for eight (8) low-income residents that live in the Hillview, Midvale and Devondale districts.*