

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2009

**TITLE: Request for Emergency Housing Repair Assistance from the Affordable Housing Revenue Fund**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Memo from Orange County Housing and Community Development C. Budget Amendment	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> James Harris, 918-7319

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to present to the Board of Aldermen a request for funding from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund from Orange County Housing and Community Development for the complete repair to the roof and chimneys on the house at 109 Jones Ferry Road. If approved by the Board, it is requested that the attached budget ordinance amendment be adopted.

INFORMATION:

The property located at 109 Jones Ferry Road is a historic property that was built by Tony Strayhorn, a former slave and craftsman. This property is occupied by Mrs. Deloris Clark, a descendent of Tony Strayhorn. Ms Clark is a retired, elderly homemaker with two grandchildren living in the home. Her income is below 50% of the area median income, which is \$32,100.00 for a family of three. This house has numerous code violations and has extensive structural problems. This house is targeted for repair under the scattered site housing rehabilitation CDBG Program. There is evidence of lead based paint and asbestos in the house which will require remediation. The total amount of the repair exceeds limits of the CDBG program.

To adequately address this project, it is proposed that money from the Town of Carrboro Affordable Housing Trust Fund be used to help with the repairs. It is proposed that the roof and the chimneys be repaired under this program at a cost of \$28,000. This would leave the remaining repairs on the house to be paid for with CDBG funds at a cost of \$72,000.00. By funding this project we will do two things, (1), provide a safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling for the Clark family and (2), preserve an important piece of Carrboro's history as recorded in the Town's Architectural and Historic Inventory.

This work will be done as a part of the rehabilitation project planned by the county.

Fiscal Impact: The fund currently has \$39,750.00 available to support affordable housing projects. After funding this project \$11,750.00 would remain.

RECOMMENDATION:

The town staff finds that this project meets the criteria for use of funds from the Affordable Housing Program and therefore it is recommended that the request for funds in the amount of \$28,000 be approved by the Board. If approved by the Board, it is requested that the attached budget ordinance amendment be adopted.