



City of Dallas

Upcoming Agenda Item: Senior Home Rehabilitation Program

**Housing and Homelessness
Solutions Committee
December 13, 2022**

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Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Purpose
- Engagement
- Program Design
- Selection Process
- Weighted Lottery
- Operational Concerns
- Next Steps
- Staff Recommendation



Background/History



- On September 21, 2022, the City Council allocated \$100,000 to address home repairs for senior citizens
- On October 24, 2022, staff briefed the Senior Affairs Commission to elicit feedback
- The National Medicare Health Insurance defines person over the age of 65 or older as senior citizens, therefore the program benefits will align according to Medicare.
- Home Repair is a need throughout Dallas



Purpose



- Discuss Senior Home Rehabilitation Program
- Program design
- Plan to launch the program



Engagement



- Discussed Senior Home Rehabilitation Program with Senior Affairs Commission
- What we heard:
 - Senior age should be 65
 - Prioritize older seniors
 - \$10,000 is more helpful than the current \$5,000 for minor home repair, but may need to be more if more funds are available
 - 80% Area Median Income (AMI) is okay, but can older seniors at lower AMI get more prioritization



Program Design



- Total Budget - \$100,000
- Provides a grant up to \$10,000 for minor home repair
- Homeowners in Dallas
- 65 years old, 80% AMI
- All typical home repair needs are covered
- Lottery to be utilized
 - Pilot: to look at how applicants apply with limited funds



Selection Process



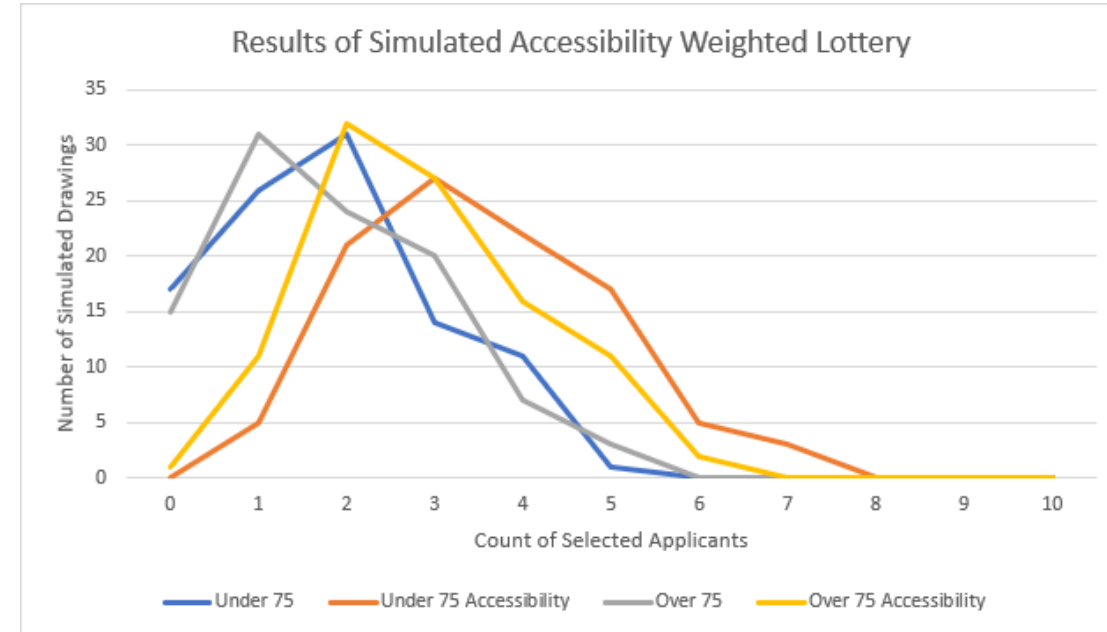
- Application acceptance period will last 1 month to give more time to submit application
- Applicants will be selected via weighted lottery based on the following:
 - Applicant 65 and older
 - Applicant 75 and older
 - Applicant requesting Accessibility repairs
- Applicants will be assessed on the date of drawing
- The Lottery will be administered by Housing Staff



Weighted Lottery



- To ensure the City is serving applicants with accessibility issues & applicants over 75 years of age, staff structured the lottery so that each cohort is more likely to be selected, than those under 75



- Staff simulated 100 drawings; this chart depicts how many times individuals of each cohort were selected



Operational Concern



- Capacity of Contractor(s)
- Limited funding and needs are great
- Spend funds by September 1, 2023



Staff Recommendation



- Staff recommends the Housing and Homelessness Solutions (HHS) Committee forward the following to City Council for consideration and approval:
 - Approval of Senior Home Rehabilitation Program



Next Steps



- January 25, 2023 - City Council meeting for approval
- February 2023 - Develop marketing plan with Communication, Outreach and Marketing (COM)
- March –April 2023 - Application period
- April 2023 – Lottery
- May – September 2023 – Eligibility review, Approvals, Inspections, Agreements, Construction





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