



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 1, 2018

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Approve an increase in the Town's matching grant amount from \$750 to \$1,000 for the sidewalk grant repair program

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Town Manager to increase the matching grant amount from \$750 to \$1,000 for the sidewalk grant repair program.

DISCUSSION

In the FY15-16 budget, the Council created the sidewalk grant program. The initial, basic parameters of the program are the payment of building fees on behalf of applicants (approx. \$500) and a matching grant of up to \$500. In FY17-18, the Council increased the matching grant to \$750. As part of the FY18-19 budget process, the Council indicated it wanted to increase the matching grant to \$1,000.

The total cost of sidewalk repair will vary based on the area to be repaired, but it does cost significantly more (e.g., \$5,000-\$10,000) than the matching grant. For budgetary purposes, the Town pays the building permit fees on behalf of applicants as opposed to waiving the fee. Applicants will now be reimbursed up to \$1,000 after the project is completed. Since its inception, 23 residents have applied for the sidewalk repair grants.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY18-19 CIP budget (Project 53-804) allocates \$25,000 for the program. The Council can review the program during the mid-year budget review to determine if additional funds are needed for the program.