



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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Agenda Item 15

TO: Mountain Village Town Council
FROM: Amy Ward, Community Development Director
FOR: August 15, 2024
DATE: August 7, 2024
RE: Request for Additional Funding For Cedar Shake Roof Replacement Incentive Program

BACKGROUND

The Cedar Shake Roof Replacement Program provides a permit fee waiver for homes with existing cedar shake roofs who wish to replace their roof with a non-combustible material. An applicant applies for a building permit and the fees are waived (except San Miguel County Use Tax). In 2024 the Town and TMVOA share in the cost of this with each entity committing \$75,000 for a total of \$150,000 during the budgeting process for 2024. After a permit is issued and fees are waived, the Town bills TMVOA for half of the amount waived. It should be noted that on the Town side there is no expenditure of funds, it becomes just a loss of income.

As of June 6, 2024 the program has waived fees on 21 homes for a total of \$113,769.18.

REQUEST

With a total program budget of \$150,000 and four more months of building season it is likely we will run out of funds for the program before the end of the year. Currently we have approximately \$36,000 left in the budget. If both the Town and TMVOA commit an additional \$25,000 for a total of an additional \$50,000 to the program we would have approximately \$86,000 budgeted for the rest of the year. I will be asking the TMVOA Board for this funding towards the end of August. The fees waived per roof have averaged out to around \$5,000 per roof so \$86,000 would allow for 17+ roofs to be completed this year which matches the pace of what we have permitted so far in 2024.

Replacing extremely combustible cedar shake roofs with an alternative material is the most impactful thing we can do to protect homes from the dangers of wildfire. Defensive space programs and the community scale fuel break are other ways we are working to combat wildfire danger in our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received

PROPOSED MOTION

If Council determines this request for additional fee waiver to be appropriate the staff suggests the following motion:

I move to approve the proposal by Town staff to allow for additional fee waivers for the cedar shake roof replacement program as described in the memo of record.

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