

Soft Story Retrofit Program Update

City Council Priority #6

Community & Economic Development
Committee

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*Planning, Building and
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BACKGROUND

- **June 2018 - Council Direction to Staff**
 - Explore framework for a program for seismic retrofit of multifamily homes
 - Explore incentives for retrofit of soft story into quality affordable housing
- **July 2018 – Staff Apply for Grant**
 - Housing applies for \$4.6M from state Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
 - City to contribute 25% match, \$1.5M, from CDBG funds
 - Total \$6.25M to implement program and provide assistance to property owners



STATUS OF GRANT & STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Award of grant, funded by FEMA, is pending
- Staff is exploring framework that will:
 - Address stakeholder needs
 - Use best practices
 - Result in most effective program
- Underway – Draft RFP for consultant services to develop effective retrofit program



Next Steps

While grant approval is pending:

- Issue Consultant Request for Proposals
- Interdepartmental working group:
 - Data collection
 - Evaluate key elements of program
 - Receive feedback from stakeholders



Questions