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## **Common Council Unanimously Approves \$750,000 for Flood Relief and Home Repair Assistance**

The Milwaukee Common Council today (Tuesday, September 23) voted 15-0 to provide \$750,000 in funding to help homeowners recover from the catastrophic flooding that struck the city on August 9–10, 2025. The funding will expand the Department of Neighborhood Services' Code Compliance Loan Program (CLP) to provide emergency repair assistance for households hardest hit by the disaster.

More than 400 homes across Milwaukee sustained critical damage in the flooding, leaving many families without functioning furnaces, water heaters, and safe electrical systems. The new funding will ensure low-income homeowners can access deferred payment loans to make urgent repairs before cold weather sets in.

“Families hit by the August floods need help now, not months from now,” said **Alderman Peter Burgelis**, lead sponsor of the resolution. “Winter is coming, and this is about making sure people aren’t left in unsafe conditions. Milwaukee always steps up for our neighbors when they’re hit the hardest, and this relief ensures stability for families who need it most.”

The resolution allocates \$500,000 from the Partnerships in Affordable Ownership Housing Initiative and \$250,000 from the city’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. These funds will be administered by the Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services to support affected homeowners.

**Alderman Mark Chambers, Jr.**, co-sponsor of the measure, said: “The flooding devastated entire neighborhoods, and this action is about restoring hope and dignity to Milwaukee families. We are stepping up to meet their needs with urgency.”

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“The Council’s unanimous action shows that Milwaukee stands together in times of crisis,” added **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**, Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee. “This flood relief will help hundreds of families remain in their homes, where they belong.”

The Code Compliance Loan Program traditionally helps homeowners address costly code violation repairs. Today’s expansion ensures the program can meet extraordinary needs created by the August flooding, with a focus on emergency home repair and disaster recovery.

### **How to Apply:**

Homeowners affected by the August flooding who need emergency repair assistance can apply through the Department of Neighborhood Services’ Code Compliance Loan Program. Applications and program guidelines are available online at [city.milwaukee.gov/DNSPrograms/CLP](http://city.milwaukee.gov/DNSPrograms/CLP) or by calling (414) 286-2567 to speak directly with program staff. Residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure repairs are completed before winter.