

AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for grant funding of up to \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention program, for the grant period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. There is no match requirement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Approval of this action will authorize the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) office to submit a Letter of Intent and Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention program. The purpose of this grant is to reduce or eliminate housing-related health hazards and to promote housing that is healthy, safe, affordable and accessible. Health hazards include lead exposure sources for children with elevated lead blood levels, non-working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, mold, dust mites and pest infestations.

A Letter of Intent was submitted to DHHS by the February 28, 2011 deadline. The grant application deadline is March 16, 2011. The grant is awarded in two phases. Phase I requires that the City develop a strategic plan with community partners, including a health agency, grassroots community-based, non-profit and/or faith-based organizations and representatives from the community that will benefit from the grant. Phase I pays for direct and indirect costs with average awards of \$500,000. Phase II provides funding for implementation of the strategic plan. The grant requires that an interim progress report be submitted before the end of Phase I. This report will serve as the non-competing continuation application. There is no grant funding limit currently stated for Phase II.