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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	6499
Meeting Date:	5/26/2011	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for grant funding of up to \$2,500,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program for the City's LeadSmart Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. The City will match 34 percent (\$850,000), which will be funded with the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan program and in-kind services.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Grant funds were previously accepted from the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2003 and 2007 for lead testing and lead hazard control services.
For More Information:	Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this action will authorize Neighborhood Housing and Community Development to apply for \$2.5 million in grant funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2011 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program to fund the LeadSmart Program. With these funds approximately 150 housing units of low- to moderate-income persons could receive lead remediation services. The program will require three full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The positions are for the term of the grant.

The \$850,000 match will be comprised of funding in the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program and in-kind services.

The LeadSmart Program began in 2003, when the City received its first grant award of \$1,851,741 from HUD for lead remediation services. A total of 117 houses occupied by low-income households received services between February 1, 2003, and December 31, 2005. In 2007, HUD awarded \$3,761,662 to the City to re-start the Lead Hazard Control Program. From this grant award, a total of 200 houses occupied by low- to moderate-income households received services between March 2007 and February 2011.

Authorization to apply for a Fiscal Year 2011 grant award will benefit children under the age of six who have tested positive for lead poisoning. During the grant period, approximately 150 houses occupied by low- to moderate-income households would receive lead abatement services to eliminate lead and other hazards. This funding will also stimulate private sector investment in lead hazard control and educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint. The grant application deadline is June 9, 2011.