

AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application of grant funding up to \$2,500,000 from the U. S. 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, for the grant period December 1, 2010 to May 31, 2014. There is a required match of 25 percent (\$625,000) which will be met by funds received in the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan program and in-kind services.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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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.

Approval of this action will authorize the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) office to apply for \$2.5 million in grant funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2010 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program to continue the LeadSmart Program. With these funds 150 housing units of low- to moderate-income people could receive lead remediation services. The program will require three full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

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 people 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 people are expected to receive services between March 2007 and February 2011.

NHCD continues to spend down its current Lead Hazard Grant allocation for the grant period March 2007 through February 2011. Approximately \$1 million remains from the \$3,761,662 award. NHCD has a goal to assist 16 additional households by February 2011. The City is applying for additional grant funds for a grant period of December 1, 2010, through May 31, 2014. The goal submitted for the new grant period takes into consideration a two-month grant overlap in the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program that will occur because the application is due to HUD by October 22, 2010.

Authorization to apply for a Fiscal Year 2010 grant award will benefit children under the age of six that have tested positive for lead poisoning. During the grant period, approximately 150 houses occupied by low- to moderate-income people would be abated to eliminate dangerous 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.