



Neighborhood Action Department Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD

CONTROL PROGRAM

DATE: June 5, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance would authorize the submission of a grant to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Control Program to be administered by the Neighborhood Action Department. The grant is due June 10, 2003.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The City was awarded a three-year Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Control Program (LBPHCP) grant in March 1999. After a one-year extension, this grant expired on February 28, 2003. The LBPHCP provided funding to address lead hazards in homes where children ages 6 and under resided. During the original grant period, a total of 251 single and multi-family units were assisted.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development is accepting applications for this program through the Office of Healthy Families. The Notice of Funding Availability announces that local governments are eligible to apply for \$3 million grant which will cover a three (3) year period. The grant funds will be utilized to address lead hazards in housing units where children ages 6 and under reside and have elevated blood lead levels. The Neighborhood Action Department will partner with the SAMHD for the blood testing and referral of potential clients eligible for the LBPHC Program.

The LBPHC Program is proposing to complete 225 single and multi-family units with a projected average cost of \$12,730 per unit. The grant proposes to provide the resources for

consultant and contractor costs related to the lead hazard control work performed in all housing units. The Neighborhood Action Department staff will administer the work.

The grant requires a 10% match in local funds. Staff is proposing to utilize allocated CDBG funds and in-kind services from the Neighborhood Action Department and the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. When appropriate, the Program will be coordinated with existing housing programs administered within the Neighborhood Action Department, such as the Owner-occupied Rehabilitation, Rental Rehabilitation and the Down Payment Assistance programs. In addition, the Program will seek opportunities to partner with the local community housing development organizations (ie San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation, UU Housing, Neighborhood Housing Services, etc.) to address lead hazards with potential projects.

POLICY ANALYSIS

It is the policy of the City to obtain authorization for the submission of grants. This ordinance would support the efforts to identify funding to address lead hazards and further promote safe, decent and affordable housing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total grant budget proposed to be submitted is \$3,868,760.36. The \$3,000,000 grant includes the allowed ten percent in administrative costs of \$300,000 for the 42-month grant period. The grant budget also includes \$868,760.36 in in-kind services that will be provided by the Neighborhood Action and Health Departments. The City's match exceeds the 10% local match requirement.

There is no financial impact with this ordinance. This ordinance only authorizes the submission of the grant.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Health Department and the City Attorney's Office.

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