

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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 PROGRAM

DATE: June 24, 2004

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 \$2,000,000 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Control Program to be administered by the Neighborhood Action Department. The grant is due July 13, 2004.

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. During the grant period, 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 up to \$3 million in grant funds for 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 is proposing to submit a grant which will include partnering with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the blood testing and referral of potential clients eligible for the LBPHC Program. The LBPHC Program is proposing to complete 136 single and multi-family units. 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 the Department's programmatic and administrative CDBG funds, as well as in-kind services from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to meet this requirement. When appropriate, the Program will

coordinate with existing housing programs such as the Owner-occupied Housing 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 (i.e., San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation, UU Housing, Neighborhood Housing Services, etc.) to address lead hazards where children under 6 reside.

In an effort to attract additional lead hazards research and funds from the Office of Healthy Homes, the City (NAD and SAMHD) has been working with the UTSA Environmental Science Department and the UTHSC Community Pediatrics Program to coordinate the submission of grants through HUD's Super Notice of Funding Availability. The City has been providing technical assistance for these proposed research grants. In addition, the City has been working with the Inman Christian Center and Voices for Children on proposed grants that would provide funding resources for advocacy and outreach efforts for the Program. These additional grant submittals to HUD will make a stronger case to address childhood lead poisoning in San Antonio.

In coordination with this grant, the City is proposing to reestablish the San Antonio Lead Task Force which will include private physicians, community organizations, regulators and other entities impacted by lead issues. The City will work with these interested parties on advocacy, outreach and education to bring more awareness on the impact of lead poisoning in San Antonio. The Task Force will be a critical piece to this grant application and will be relied upon to provide referrals to the Program.

POLICY ANALYSIS

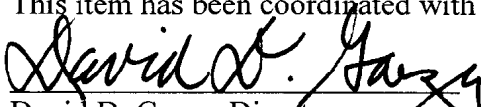
It is the policy of the City to obtain authorization for the submission of grants. The Program would support the efforts to address lead hazards and further promote safe housing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

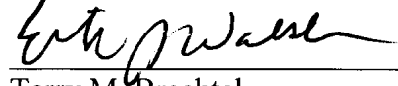
The proposed total grant budget is \$3,065,331.58. The \$2,000,000 grant includes \$1,065,331.58 of in-kind services that will be provided by the Neighborhood Action, Health Departments and Inman Christian Center. The in-kind from the Neighborhood Action and Health Departments is from allocations in the General Fund and the CDBG administrative budgets.

COORDINATION

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


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