



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: October 18, 2006

To: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Requesting authorization of the appropriate city officials to apply for a grant with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$4,000,000 (\$4 million) for a Lead Hazard Control Demonstration grant award to reduce lead hazards in properties before children become lead poisoned.

Recommendation: That your Committee authorize the proper city officials to apply with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$4,000,000 in funding to be used for Lead Hazard Control Demonstration in dwelling units within the city of Minneapolis and within Hennepin County.

Previous Directives: None

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Presenters in Committee: Lisa Smestad, Manager, Environmental Services

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact – not at this time
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan **YES**
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

Regulatory Services (Environmental Management) seeks approval to submit a three year, \$4 million grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Round XIV of the Lead Hazard Control (LHC) program. This application will be submitted in collaboration with Hennepin County (Housing, Community Works and Transit).

At a minimum \$3,000,000 of the grant funds will be spent for lead hazard reduction activities in Minneapolis with the Phillips, Central and Jordan neighborhoods being the focus of targeted zip codes 55404, 55407, 55408 and 55411 (zip codes with the highest rates of lead poisonings). Remaining funds will be used throughout Hennepin County. Funds will be used to make the properties lead safe through a combination of window replacement and paint stabilization. The City is required to provide a 'match' for the grant application; staff is in the process of identifying these funds, which will come primarily from in-kind resources such as salaries.

Regulatory Services has been a successful grant applicant for HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants in Rounds IV, VIII, and XII for a combined total of \$9,000,000. We are currently in the second year of a three year grant (LHC XII) serving the Mid and East Phillips neighborhoods, with funding scheduled to end in March 2008. Currently, we are ahead of schedule on our total production goal of 300 units and have been rated 'green' -- HUD's highest rating -- for every reporting quarter.