



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

Date: September 11, 2007

To: **Health, Energy and the Environment**

Referral to: Ways and Means

**Subject: Request authorization to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for lead-safe temporary housing.**

**Recommendation:** That your Committee authorize Regulatory Services to make application to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for a \$25,000 grant to support lead-safe temporary housing for residents are displaced from their homes during lead hazard reduction activities.

### Previous Directives:

Prepared by: Lisa Smestad, Manager, Environmental Services

Approved by: Burt Osborne, Director, Operations, Licenses and Environmental Management

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.**
- 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 X**
- 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 seeks approval to make application to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for \$25,000 in grant funds to support lead-safe temporary housing. Grant funds will be used primarily (1) for low income residents temporarily displaced by lead hazard reduction activities in their dwelling units or (2) to remove a family from their residence due to high risk lead levels. Lead-safe temporary housing can include hotels/motels and the City's 'lead safe house' on Bloomington Avenue South.

Grant activities will primarily serve the areas of Minneapolis which have had the highest levels of elevated blood in children less than six years of age (Central, Phillips, Near North neighborhoods). Specific activities include:

- Renting or leasing the lead safe temporary residence including damage deposit, utilities, furnishings, and supplies.
- Cleaning of the residence after the family returns to permanent residence.
- Moving expenses up to \$250.00 per family.
- Administrative costs.
- Staffing training related to providing health education to families using lead-safe temporary housing.