



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

**Date:** October 24, 2011

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

**Referral to:** Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Grant Approval

**Recommendation:** Authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a grant agreement from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency for \$1,860,000. The grant is to be used for activities related to reducing health hazards in homes.

Increase appropriation for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department 8350300 by \$1,860,000.

Increase revenue estimate for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department 8350300 by \$1,860,000.

**Previous Directives:** Council approval for grant application on May 13, 2011.

### Department Information

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Daniel Huff, Manager Environmental Management & Safety and Green Building Program

Presenters in Committee: Daniel Huff

### **Financial Impact**

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget  
Dept Name: Regulatory Services  
Fund Name: Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
Amount: \$1,860,000
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase  
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Staff positions for this project are in the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget.

### **Community Impact**

- City Goals:
  - A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME - Healthy Homes, welcoming neighborhoods
  - LIVABLE COMMUNITIES, HEALTHY LIVES - High-quality, affordable housing for all ages and stages in every neighborhood
  - ECO-FOCUSED - Use less energy, produce less waste
  - MANY PEOPLE, ONE MINNEAPOLIS - Race and class gaps closed in employment and housing.

### **Supporting Information**

This grant is being provided by U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD). Healthy Homes Thriving Communities (HHTC) project's goals are to assess low-income housing in Minneapolis for the presence of safety and health hazards. Cost-effective interventions will be implemented over a three-year grant term to reduce the most serious hazards found in 400 housing units using HUD's Healthy Homes Rating Tool (HHRT). Prioritization for structural repairs and rehabilitation will be provided to housing units with severe indoor air quality problems, safety deficiencies, accidental injuries in the home, and properties with a historically high incidence of lead poisoning, asthma exacerbations and housing maintenance orders. The full Abstract is included as Attachment 1. A summarized budget is included as Attachment 2.

Minneapolis Environmental Services has partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment, Neighborhood Housing Resources, Resources for Child Caring, Northside Achievement Zone, Preventing Harm MN, Urban Homeworks, the Minnesota Department of Health and community faith-based organizations.

Special Thanks to the City of Minneapolis Lead Hazard Control staff for their work in putting together this successful grant application: Lisa Smestad, Jennifer Tschida, Eliza Schell, Nathan Olson, Andre Reed, Fardowza Omar, Alex Vollmer, Balvina Jones, Nadia Khan and Gloria Flores.

## Attachment 1

Abstract Summary for the 2011 Healthy Homes Production Grant NOFA

City of Minneapolis Environmental Management and Safety

Healthy Homes Thriving Communities (HHTC) project

(Revised 10.13.11)

The City of Minneapolis requests **\$1,860,000** to implement cost-effective, site-based hazard evaluations and interventions in privately-owned and rental properties where low and very-low income vulnerable people and children under six reside. The grant project area will be the entire City of Minneapolis. Minneapolis Environmental Services (MES), sub-grantees and agency partners will contribute **\$465,036** toward this project. With HUD's partnership, the total fiduciary value of the healthy homes grant will be **\$2,325,034**.

The goals of the HHTC project will be to assess and address multiple safety and health hazards in existing housing units. The assessment portion of the project will be the opportunity to collect environmental samples in an eligible unit for allergens and lead dust. Indoor air measurements will be collected for radon, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds, moisture, radiation, and other indoor air contaminants. Visual assessments of building health and safety issues will focus on slip/trip hazards, fall hazards, water intrusion/mold issues, pest issues, electrical and plumbing problems, inadequate ventilation, chemical safety, deteriorating structural components, appliance safety, and other structural problems in these housing units. Our goals will be to identify key hazards as defined by HUD, using the "Healthy Home Rating Tool," and prioritize the reduction of hazards based on severity and risk to the residents.

The City of Minneapolis's Healthy Home Production grant's primary outcome will be to produce **400 units** of housing that are safer and healthier through reduction of home hazards. Education and outreach will be provided to **9,250** members of the public. Forty individuals (40) will be trained as "green workers." Enrollment is voluntary although we plan to market the grant to enlist the following participants:

- asthma patients who have had an ER visit or uncontrolled asthma through medical interventions
- children with low levels of lead in their blood that are not mandated for interventions by Minnesota state law
- patients who have been admitted for medical treatment for preventable injuries such as cuts, burns, chemical ingestion, trips/falls
- elderly people in their own homes at serious risk of injury due to structural problems or who have been injured, hospitalized, or had emergency department visits due to injuries in the home
- other vulnerable groups that are very-low income
- rental property owners that are interested in "green rehab" projects
- in-home licensed daycare providers in Minneapolis

**Attachment 2**

## Healthy Homes Thriving Communities: Summarized Budget

<b>Healthy Homes Thriving Communities Project</b>	<b>HUD Funds \$</b>	<b>City Match (In-Kind) \$</b>	<b>Partner Match \$</b>
Personnel Wages and Fringes	\$899,286	\$95,594	\$0
Grant support, computers, indirect costs	\$118,700	\$0	\$0
Materials, supplies, equipment, trainings	\$103,414	\$0	\$0
Healthy Home rehabilitation projects	\$738,600	\$0	\$369,442
Total Dollars	\$1,860,000	\$95,594	\$369,442