



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Department of Planning & Community Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bridgett White, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

2016 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Reduction Grant Award

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the City of San Antonio's Department of Planning and Community Development Department (DPCD) to accept the 2016 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) \$3,400,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ordinance would also authorize a personnel complement of two positions and allow the Director of Planning and Community Development to accept any additional matching funds associated with the grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 14, 2016, the City of San Antonio's application for the 2016 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant was selected and awarded \$3,400,000 from HUD. The City of San Antonio has been the recipient of four LHRD grants (2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013), a Healthy Homes Production Grant (2011) and the recipient of two Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Programs (2000 & 2004) from the HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. To date, 1,128 homes have been assisted through the Department's lead grants.

This three year grant award will allow DPCD's Green and Healthy Homes Program (GHHP) to identify and reduce lead hazards in approximately 197 privately owned, low-income rental or owner occupied housing units and to staff two full time employees. DPCD is currently administering the 2013 LHRD Grant, which will be

completed on March 31, 2017. The 2016 LHRD grant will commence approximately on April 1, 2017 and will end on April 30, 2020.

ISSUE:

This action will approve the acceptance and expending of funds in an amount up to \$3,400,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2016 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, and will authorize the development of a personnel complement for the two positions.

The LHRD grant is aligned with the department's Affordable Housing Policy, which focuses on assisting low and moderate income families. This grant assists with preventing and correcting housing-related health and safety hazards such as lead-based paint, household asthma triggers, and fire hazards for low and moderate income families.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may direct staff to identify alternative funding sources for this program. However, if funds are not identified, the program may not be implemented thus negatively impacting approximately 493 children living in homes built prior to 1978 with possible Lead-Based Paint Hazards present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. An in-kind match of \$750,000 of CDBG funds is required for this grant and is from an existing allocation of CDBG funds. These funds consist of programmatic matching funds (\$510,000) and administrative in-kind (\$240,000). The grant award of \$3,400,000 will provide a needed service to low and moderate income families to avoid health risks associated with lead-based paint.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.