

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 17, 2019

TO The Honorable Members of the Economic Development & Housing Committee: Tennell Atkins, Chair, Rickey D. Callahan, Vice-Chair, Lee M. Kleinman, Scott Griggs, Casey Thomas, II, B. Adam McGough, Mark Clayton, Kevin Felder, Omar Narvaez

SUBJECT **Acceptance of HUD Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant in the amount of \$2,300,000.00 for the Home Improvement and Preservation Program**

Summary

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded the City of Dallas a competitive HUD grant related to: (1) identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible housing units and (2) identification and repair of conditions that exacerbate asthma in eligible housing units. The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization is seeking committee and council approval to accept this grant and to begin providing services pursuant to the grant.

Background

HUD developed the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) grant program to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible rental or owner-occupied housing units. HUD also developed the Healthy Homes Supplemental grant program (HHS) to protect children and their families from housing-related health and safety hazards including: mold, lead, allergens, asthma, carbon monoxide, home safety, pesticides, and radon.

The City of Dallas applied for funding pursuant to the LHR and HHS grant programs and was awarded \$2,300,000.00 to support lead-based paint identification and remediation activities for eligible housing units. The 42-month funding award is comprised of the LHR grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, and the HHS grant in the amount of \$300,000.00.

The HUD grant funds will be used to perform eligible activities at housing units constructed prior to 1978 where at least one child under six years of age lives or spends a substantial amount of time visiting and where assistance under the City's Home Improvement and Repair Program (HIPP) or New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation Program (NCSRP) is also being provided. The grant funds will also be used to hire a Manager III (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program Manager) and a Grant Compliance Specialist (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Compliance Specialist).

Fiscal Impact

The award requires a local match in an amount not to exceed \$735,000, which the City intends to fund from eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and

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other eligible Housing funds allocated for home repairs, new development or substantial rehabilitation activities.

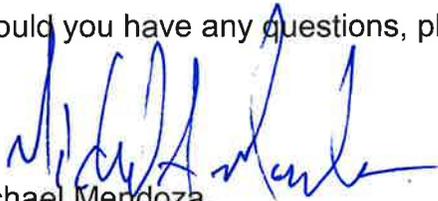
Departments/Committee Coordination

Administering lead hazard testing will require coordination amongst the Office of Environmental Quality, Department of Code Compliance and Procurement Services.

Recommendation

Subject to committee approval, this item will be placed on the May 22 council agenda for consideration and approval.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 671-5257.



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Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services

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