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	Agenda Item No.	32
	Roll Call No.	<u>11-895</u>
	Communication No.	<u>11-318</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution to Support the Polk County Health Department Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2011 Lead Hazard Control Program Grant.

SYNOPSIS:

Authorize and direct the City Manager to sign a Letter of Commitment for the City of Des Moines, Iowa in support of the Polk County Health Department’s application to HUD’s 2011 Super NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) grant for Lead Hazard Control Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The grant application has a match requirement and City funds are essential for the Polk County grant to be competitive. Funds would be approximately \$300,000 (CDBG) per year over the course of the three year program for a total City CDBG contribution of \$900,000.

Funding Source: FY 2011-12 Operating Budget; Community Development Block Grant, SP020 CDD049900, NCS - Homeowner Rehab, pg 72

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Childhood lead poisoning has adverse effects on nearly all organ systems in the body. It is especially harmful to the developing mental capabilities and nervous systems of children under the age of six years. According to Polk County Health Services, lead poisoning is one of the top causes of mental retardation of children in Polk County.

Lead paint, which was banned from residential use in 1978, is the primary source of lead poisoning in Iowa. Two-thirds of Des Moines’ housing stock was built before 1978. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that 35 percent of all housing units in the Midwest have “significant lead-based paint hazards.”

Lead poisoning is 100% preventable by addressing the hazards in our housing stock. Remediating lead hazards is a long-term strategy which requires the community to prioritize their housing rehab funding streams to target families with children under the age of six years who reside in homes built before 1978.

In 2008, Polk County received a three-year HUD Lead Base Paint Hazard control grant which included the following strategies:

- Conducting community outreach and marketing to identify eligible homes and families.
- Partnering with housing rehabilitation agencies to repair lead hazards in 60 units through integration with rehab work.
- Conducting lead remediation in 100 owner-occupied units.
- Conducting lead remediation in 53 rental property units.
- Relocating all families during lead remediation work.

The 2011 grant application is for the continuation of this program.

It is important to note that this application has a match requirement and the City funds are essential for the Polk County grant to be competitive. The City of Des Moines has been asked to submit a support letter that will provide a funding commitment for the rehab of 45 units in the city of Des Moines. This will require the City Council to commit \$300,000 of CDBG annually for bricks and mortar rehabilitation activities.

The application's budget also will be utilizing the competitive grant funds the City applies for and receives from the Polk County Trust Fund and the Federal Home Loan Bank as a match.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 19, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-882

Action: Support of Polk County Health Department Application to the Housing and Urban Development 2008 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program Grant. (Council Communication No. 08-295) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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