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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 29 <b>Roll Call No.</b> [ _____ ] <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-704</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Resolution to Approve the Notice to the Public of a Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and a Request for the Release of Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant awarded to Polk County, Iowa.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to publish the Public Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and request the City Manager in his capacity as the Certifying Official for the jurisdiction to execute the Request for the Release of Funds. The Community Development Department performs environmental reviews within the Des Moines jurisdiction as the HUD designated Responsible Entity (RE).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$2,475,000

Funding Source: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant (IALHB0499-11) from HUD. The City of Des Moines is providing matching funds under the Neighborhood Conservation Services Housing Rehabilitation Program which uses CDBG or HOME entitlement funds for program eligible properties as identified within the city of Des Moines.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Grant and matching funds of \$2,796,849 will be used for paint inspections/risk assessments to identify lead-based paint hazards, preparing lead specifications, lead hazard control work, contractor and worker training, outreach and education, relocation, data collection, clearance examinations, intake and administration. Lead hazard reduction activities will control and/or eliminate hazards in 142 housing units within the 36-month grant period. An average of \$ 9,860 is projected to be expended per unit. A significant number of the low-income housing stock is highly distressed. In addition 25 Healthy Homes interventions will be conducted.

Priority and preference are always given to eligible households having an Elevated Blood Level (EBL) child present (EBL equal to or greater than 10 mcg/dl). All applications go through a multi-faceted scoring system to help move those applicants that present a higher need through the process faster. Families with EBL children receive additional, bonus points to assure they are processed immediately.

Units will be selected by these priorities: 1) presence of children identified with elevated blood lead levels under six years of age; 2) units that are occupied by children under six years of age who are undergoing chelation treatment; 3) units identified by the health department that have repeatedly

poisoned children; 4) presence of children under six years of age as part of a Primary Prevention Program. (this is a planned approach to control lead hazards before children are poisoned). 5) units that are located in high-risk zip code areas; 6) units that are located in working partner's empowerment zone (EZ); 7) units that are located in jurisdiction that has Preferred Sustainable Communities Status; 8) units ear-marked for the owner-occupied projects that are integrated with housing rehabilitation; 9) units ear-marked for the rental housing program; 10) condition of the structure and value of the unit.

The overall goals of the lead grant program's strategy are to control and/or eliminate lead hazards such as lead contaminated dust; lead contaminated bare soil; and loose, peeling, or flaking lead-based paint to clearance levels; to slow recontamination by treating bare soil and high-risk lead painted surfaces; to make repairs to prevent paint failure; to facilitate clean-up of recontamination by creating cleanable floors and window troughs; and to educate owners and occupants on lead safety and in-place management of lead hazards.

Public health education and outreach are central components of the Polk County Health Department. Each year, the Health Department conducts a variety of activities which include: earned media, educational presentations, health fairs, professional in-services and physician education, distribution of educational materials, development and implementation of media campaigns, education of property owners and tenants on proper remediation of lead-based paint hazards, and promotion and referral to the Metropolitan Partnership for Lead Safe Housing (MPLSH). In addition, the Health Department networks and coordinates efforts with faith-based and community-based organizations. These activities will continue with the proposed grant program.

The Community has come together as evidenced by the participation of the varied working partners. The first step in making a difference is to increase the knowledge and importance of lead issues, not only in the community-at-large, but also in the high-risk zip code areas. The Lead-base Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, if awarded would continue the momentum that has begun to mushroom. The impact will be significant in the targeted neighborhoods.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 8, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-995

Action: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and a Request for Release of Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. (Council Communication No. 09-371) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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