

Agenda Item No. 25
Roll Call No. [\_\_\_\_]
Communication No. 12-084
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## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a sub-recipient contract with Polk County to partner in the implementation of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2011 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program within the City of Des Moines.

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Polk County has been awarded HUD funds to remediate lead hazards in homes with children under six years of age. The County Department of Public Health administers the program within several municipalities and unincorporated areas of Polk County by working with municipal and nonprofit providers of owner-occupied repair programs. This agreement outlines the procedures by which the City Community Development Department and Polk County Health Department will combine funding sources to remediate lead hazards and address rehabilitation of units with children under six years of age.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Total: \$1,350,000 over three years

#### Funding Sources:

- 1. \$450,000 HUD Healthy Homes Grant,
- 2. \$450,000 HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds: Total: 2012 through 2014
- 3. \$450,000 Polk County Housing Trust Fund Total: 2012 through 2014

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In September of 2011 HUD, Office of Healthy Homes announced that Polk County, IA was awarded \$2,375,000 in Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program funds and \$100,000 in additional funds to promote healthy homes initiatives. The overall Polk County Program evaluates 155 homes for lead paint and hazards and eliminates lead hazards in 142 homes. Polk County will conduct outreach and education to homeowners, landlords, and professionals in the teaching and health fields. This is the second Healthy Homes grant received by Polk County. The County was awarded \$3,000,000 in 2008 that was spent over a three year period.

Within the City of Des Moines, this Contract is entered into to assist in the control of all identified lead hazards in up to forty-five (45) units of housing for families with income less than 80% of the HUD

Median Family Income (MFI) and who have a child under the age of six living or visiting said property at a minimum of 6 hours a week or 60 hours a year. Polk County Health Department will reimburse the City for costs directly associated with remediating identified lead hazards up to \$10,000 per unit housing.

The Polk County Healthy Homes Grant will bring an additional \$450,000 of rehabilitation housing funds to the City of Des Moines over the next three years.

The City's Community Development Department, Neighborhood Conservation Services Division (NCS) will use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or HOME funds to provide additional rehabilitation funds for each project. It is estimated that, on average, approximately \$10,000 of either CDBG or HOME funds will be provided for rehabilitation to match the Polk County Funds. The City funds will be used to repair items that do not meet the Uniform Physical Condition Standards required by the HOME program.

By Roll Call No. 11-1684 on September 26, 2011, the City Council approved an application to the Polk County Housing Trust Fund to use as matching grant funds for the Healthy Homes Lead Remediation Program. The PCHTF Board committed \$150,000 annually for 2012 through 2014 to be used to for lead remediation and rehabilitation and match the Healthy Homes and City funds.

The purpose of this project is to protect children before they are poisoned by lead. Remediating lead hazards is a long-term strategy, which requires the community to prioritize their housing rehabilitation funding streams to target families with children under the age of six years who reside in homes built before 1978.

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

Date: September 26, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1684

<u>Action</u>: 1. Approving grant requests to Polk County Housing Trust Fund for the following: Sponsor: Council Member Hensley (<u>Council Communication No. 11-614</u>)

(C) <u>Lead</u> Hazard Control Program, total \$525,000 (\$175,000 over 3 years). **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.** 

Date: August 24, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1552

<u>Action</u>: <u>Sub-recipient</u> contract with Polk County to administer the Housing and Urban Development 2008 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. (<u>Council Communication No. 09-598</u>) **Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.** 

Date: May 19, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-882

<u>Action</u>: <u>Support</u> of Polk County Health Department Application to the Housing and Urban Development 2008 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program Grant. (<u>Council Communication No.</u> 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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