



SAN DIEGO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE ISSUED: December 12, 2011

REPORT NO: HCR12-018

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of January 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Grant Application Ratification – HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

SUMMARY:

In 1991, Congress established HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in America's privately-owned low-income housing. The San Diego Housing Commission has been awarded a total of seven OHHLHC grants totaling \$19.9 million since 2002. These funds have been utilized to provide grants to homeowners and landlords that cover or help defray the costs associated with the remediation of lead hazards on properties occupied or frequently visited by children less than six years of age. The grants have been instrumental in assisting homeowners applying for Housing Commission Rehabilitation Loans to deal with lead hazards which could otherwise prevent their participation. The 2012 funding, if awarded, will allow the Housing Commission to assist approximately 135 households to eliminate lead hazards in their homes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the San Diego Housing Commission Board ratifies:

1. Submittal of an application, due January 18, 2012, in response to HUD's 2012 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the three-year Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant in the amount of \$2.5 million and approve up to \$532,000 in matching funds from either SDHC local funds or in collaboration with third parties.
2. The President & Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to implement the grant(s); and
3. Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to include the HUD funding, if awarded.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

An award of HUD funds would increase the Fiscal Year 2012 Lead Hazard Control budget by \$3.03 million, including \$772,618 for administration and would require \$532,000 in local matching funds.

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REQUESTED ACTION:

Ratify a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (“OHHLHC”) Grant Program on behalf of the City of San Diego.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the San Diego Housing Commission (“Housing Commission”) Board ratifies:

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Environmental Health Coalition	\$ 25,000
City of San Diego Code Enforcement	\$ 25,000
MAAC Project	\$ 25,000
Campeños Unidos	\$ 25,000
Richard Heath & Associates	\$ 75,000
Total Committed to Date	\$175,000
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3. Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to include the HUD funding, if awarded.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/CONTRACTING:

OHHLHC funding is subject to Section 3 requirements. Contractors and subcontractors awarded contracts under this grant will be required to comply with Section 3 requirements as appropriate, and in accordance with the guidelines contained in 24 CFR part135.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

On June 7, 2002, May 6, 2005, January 14, 2008 and September 17, 2010 the Housing Commission Board recommended Housing Authority of the City of San Diego approval to authorize submittal of applications for OHHLHC programs. The 2008 action also authorized the Housing Commission Board to approve future grant application submittals, authorize the President/CEO to execute all required documents and to amend the Housing Commission budget as needed should these applications be approved.

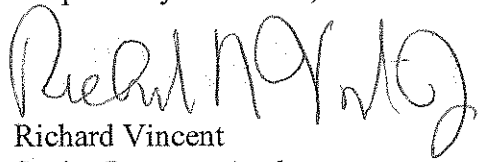
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Community response to the Lead Safe San Diego program has been extremely positive. Since 2002, over 1,200 owners and tenants have participated in the program citywide. These efforts have helped to protect over 1,367 children less than six years of age from the devastating effects of lead hazards in their homes. The program has been instrumental in raising the awareness level of the general public to the issues surrounding lead in housing. This awareness has created an ongoing demand for the services provided by the program.


ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The activity funded by this grant is exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and exempt from review under the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 CFR 58, Section 58.34(a)(12).

Respectfully submitted,


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