



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept funding in the amount of \$2,479,996, for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program for a period of three years, from April 30, 2012 through April 29, 2015; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by their respective amounts for a total of \$2,479,996. (Citywide)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBP). The awards total \$2,479,996 in grant funds, and will contribute to controlling or removing lead-based paint and other health hazards in housing in the City. These funds will assist in retaining existing Health Department staff, as well as support private remediation contractors who will likely retain or generate new jobs in Long Beach.

The LBP will provide lead-based paint hazard control services to 185 units of pre-1978 constructed affordable housing throughout the City, but focusing on where the need is greatest, specifically zip codes 90802, 90804, 90805, 90806, 90810, and 90813. These areas contain a disproportionately high percentage of children with elevated blood-lead levels, an aging housing stock, and a high percentage of low-income families.

Program services will include health education, outreach, training in lead-safe work practices to increase employability of local area unemployed and/or low-income individuals, and relocation services to affected residents. Additionally, the Health Department will provide these services to families regardless of their location within the city of Long Beach when a child is reported to the Health Department to have an elevated blood-lead level. Funding for the LBP is \$2,479,996 for a period of three years. This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 30, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 2, 2012.

City Council action on this item is requested on April 17, 2012 as funding for this program is available as of April 30, 2012. Official notice of this award was received March 28th, 2012. The Department of Housing and Urban Development must obligate these funds by April 30, 2012.

The City will receive grant revenues of \$2,479,996 to offset expenditures of the same amount. This funding covers all direct and indirect costs associated with this grant. An appropriations increase is requested in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) in the amount of \$2,479,996 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program and is included as part of the recommendation. There is no City match, no impact on the General Fund. It is anticipated that this funding will create multiple other jobs in the community as a part of lead abatement subcontracts.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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