



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

**SUBJECT:** Agreements With the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Healthy Homes Initiative and the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has recently been awarded funding for the Healthy Homes Initiative and the Lead-Based Hazard Control Program by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Healthy Homes Initiative is designed to control and/or reduce household hazards leading to asthma, lead poisoning and unintentional injuries in affordable housing. The program will: 1) provide delivery of routine housing inspections with integrated pest management for 270-330 housing units in census tract 5764.03, located in Council Districts 2 and 4, which contains a disproportionate share of low and very-low income residents, a large minority ethnic population, a large number of children, and older and more deteriorated housing that is more at risk of environmental hazards; 2) provide intensive door-to-door outreach and education in the same census tract, using five health promotoras (bi-lingual Spanish and Khmer health educators); and 3) provide education to 4<sup>th</sup> grade children in the Long Beach Unified School District in high-risk areas of the City. The amount of funding is \$923,123 for a period of three years.

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program will provide lead-based paint hazard control services to 400 units of pre-1978 constructed affordable housing in census tracts 573000, 573202, 575300, 575400, 575800, 575900, and 576300. These census tracts, located within Council Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7, were approved by HUD for this program as they contain a disproportionately high percentage of children with elevated blood-lead levels, an aging housing stock, and high percentage of low-income families. Program services will also 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, DHHS will provide these services to families regardless of their location within the city of Long Beach when a child is reported to the DHHS to have an elevated blood-lead level. Funding for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program is \$3,000,000 for a period of three years.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 28, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

HUD requires the approval of contract documents in order to finalize the grant award and reimburse the City for program related expenditures. The commencement date of the agreements is October 1, 2004. Therefore, City Council action is requested on October 5, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the Healthy Homes Initiative is \$923,132 and the Lead-Hazard Control Program is \$3,000,000. Funds in the amount of \$434,959 are currently appropriated. Therefore, an appropriations increase of \$3,488,173 is included in the recommendation action below.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Healthy Homes Initiative and the Lead-Based Hazard Control Program for a period of three years;
2. Increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$3,488,173.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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