

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	13714	<b>Agenda Number</b>	19.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/5/2012	<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of two six-month contracts, each with two twelve-month extension options, with Homewood Suites and Oranewood Suites, for the LeadSmart Program, for a combined total for the six-month contracts, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500, and said extensions in an amount not to exceed \$43,500, for a total amount not to exceed \$56,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Funding for the remaining months of the original contract and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	October 20, 2011 – Council approved acceptance of \$2,500,000 in grant funds from the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3182.
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

In September 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the City of Austin a three-year Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant in the amount of \$2.5 million. The grant is intended to protect children from potentially dangerous lead-based paint in their homes. With this grant the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office will evaluate and remediate lead-based paint hazards in approximately 180 homes and conduct outreach and education. To receive assistance, the following criteria must be met:

- homes must have been built before 1978;
- household income must be at or below 80 percent of median family income, currently \$60,700 for a family of four; and
- a child age six or younger must live in the home or visit at least six hours per week.

After a family qualifies for the assistance, the home is tested for lead hazards. Depending on the lead hazards found, a family may need to be relocated into temporary lodging.

Two extended stay hotels responded to the solicitation. If approved, these hotels will provide lodging for families being temporarily relocated while lead hazards are being addressed.