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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21308	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	1/31/2013	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding in an amount up to \$2.5 million from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program for the City's LeadSmart Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, for 36 months from the date of grant award. The City will match 10 percent, which will be funded with the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan program and in-kind services.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Grant funds were previously accepted from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control in 2003, 2007, and 2011 for lead testing and lead hazard control services.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this action will authorize the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) office to apply for up to \$2.5 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2013 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program to fund the LeadSmart Program. If awarded, up to \$2.3 million will be allocated toward lead abatement, and up to \$200,000 will be allocated for Healthy Homes, which addresses health hazards such as lead exposure sources for children, non-working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, mold, dust mites and pest infestations.

The 10 percent match will be comprised of funding in the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program and in-kind services.

The LeadSmart Program began in 2003, when the City received its first grant award of \$1,851,741 from HUD for lead remediation services. A total of 117 houses occupied by low-income households received services between February 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005. In 2007, HUD awarded \$3,761,662 to the City to re-start the Lead Hazard Control Program. From this grant award, a total of 205 houses occupied by low- to moderate-income households received services between March 2007 and February 2011. The City received an additional \$2,500,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program in 2011 to extend the LeadSmart Program. This grant period is from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014 and to date, 45 homes have received services.

During the grant period, up to 138 houses occupied by low- to moderate-income households would receive lead abatement and Healthy Homes services to eliminate lead and other hazards. This funding would benefit children under the age of six who have tested positive for lead poisoning and vulnerable residents (children, persons with disabilities, and elderly) who may suffer from housing-related environmental health and safety hazards; would stimulate private sector investment in lead hazard control; and educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint. The grant application deadline is February 4, 2013.