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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25297	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	6/27/2013	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$2,500,000 in Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant and Healthy Homes Supplement grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate a total of \$2,500,000 for the City's LeadSmart Program and the Healthy Homes Supplemental Grant Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 is available from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. \$384,320 is provided as local match using Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program, local funds and in-kind services.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	January 31, 2013 – Council approved application for \$2.5 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control: Resolution # 20130131-013.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, 512-974-3182, or Steve Ritchie, Construction and Development Manager, 512-974-3123.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will approve the acceptance of \$2,500,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address lead and healthy home hazards in 138 housing units and provide safer homes for eligible low- to moderate-income families by performing mold remediation and moisture intrusion elimination, providing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and pest management services. The grant funding will also be used to increase public awareness about childhood lead poisoning.

The program requires a total staff of 2.21 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions with 2.12 FTEs for the Lead-Based

Paint Hazard Control and 0.09 FTE for the Healthy Homes Supplemental. There are 2.21 existing FTEs available to the program and therefore this action does not require the creation of new FTEs.

The City of Austin's Lead Smart Program was initiated with HUD Lead Hazard Control grant funds in 2003, continued with additional HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant funding in 2007 and 2011. Since its inception, the City's Lead Smart Program has assisted a total of 322 households.

With the acceptance of this grant, the City anticipates assisting 138 units of qualified rental and homeowner housing occupied by low- to moderate-income individuals and families.