

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33365	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	6/12/2014	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the implementation of the City's Lead Hazard Control and Lead Hazard Reduction Programs in the City's limited purpose annexed areas and extraterritorial jurisdictions.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funds are available from grants received by the City of Austin from the Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control TXLHB0567-13 (\$2.5 million), and Lead Hazard Reduction TXLHDO232-11 (\$2.5 million).

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

If approved, an interlocal agreement will be negotiated between the City and Travis County to implement the City's Lead Hazard Control and Lead Hazard Reduction Grant programs within the City's limited purpose annexed ("LPA") areas and extraterritorial jurisdictions ("ETJs") to allow the City to serve households living outside the corporate city limits but within Travis County. Under this agreement, Travis County will review and approve the environmental review record for each assisted household before work proceeds.

There will be no transfer of grant funds to Travis County. The City will administer the programs.

Historically, the City has provided assistance only to properties located within the corporate city limits of Austin. With the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control and Lead Hazard Reduction Grants, properties located in LPA areas and ETJs are eligible.

General features of the grant program

A residence could be eligible for up to \$30,000 to apply toward repairs/lead remediation. Efforts have already helped protect many of Austin's youngest children from the dangers of lead.

Services for residents

The available grant funds will service approximately 200 housing units, with services such as:

- Free home health and safety inspection.
- Free lead poisoning tests for children.
- Free lead removal and home repair.
- Pest management and mold remediation.
- Installation of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Free hotel stay in the event of major repairs.

Who is eligible?

All services provided by the grant are free to residents of the City's LPA areas and ETJs within Travis County who meet program qualifications:

- A child five or younger must live in the home or visit the home at least six hours a week.
- Federal requirements set a maximum household income of 80 percent of the area's median family income, which is currently \$60,300 for a family of four.
- Renters, homeowners, and multi-family property owners may apply.