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Department of Community Development
Subject: HUD Lead Abatement Grant

Executive Summary

In September 2010, the City of Durham in conjunction with the State of North Carolina was selected in a competitive grant process to receive lead hazard reduction funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eliminate lead hazards in eligible housing units constructed before 1978. The amount awarded from HUD is \$3,000,000.00 of which the City of Durham will receive a sub-grantee award amount of \$356,550.00. As part of the grant, the City agreed to provide lead paint abatement assistance to 30 housing units.

Deteriorating lead paint may contribute to lead poisoning, especially in children under the age of six. Lead hazard reduction may consist of various measures to insure removal of the lead painted surfaces in homes and may include such practices as cleaning, repainting, enclosing surfaces, removing and replacing windows and/or doors, or other methods designed to protect the occupants from dangers of hazardous lead paint with certified lead contractors.

Recommendation

The Department of Community Development (DCD) recommends that City Council adopt a project ordinance to authorize the expenditure of Lead Hazard Control Grant funds and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with North Carolina Department of Natural Resources for lead paint abatement activities.

Background

The City of Durham has been the recipient of three previous HUD awarded Lead Hazard Control Grants. These funds have been used to address lead-based paint hazards in residential structures and to educate the community on the health hazards of lead. To date, the City has completed lead reduction activities on 966 homes (321 lead abatements or interim controls and 645 washings/cleanings). In addition, the City has trained 70 participants in the following areas: Lead Inspector, Risk Assessor, Lead Supervisor and Lead Worker, and has provided lead education outreach and materials (*in English & Spanish*) to 31,752 people.

Issues/Analysis

Although the City has been successful in reaching the proposed goals of the previous grants, there still is a need to address lead hazard paint issues in Durham's housing stock. With the dwindling amount of federal funds available, the City was able to form a joint partnership with

the State of North Carolina and other municipalities in submitting a competitive application. In addition to the Department's efforts to address lead paint with its CDBG and HOME rehabilitation programs, this grant will allow the Department to address another 30 homes that are occupied by young children.

Financial Impacts

Total funds available for the Lead Hazard Control Program are \$416,550.00. This total includes a \$60,000.00 match from CDBG funds. Sources and uses of funds are provided in the table below.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Federal Share HUD Grant	\$356,550
CDBG Match	60,000
Total of Sources of Funds	\$416,550

SDBE Summary

The Department of Community Development will follow the required SDBE guidelines and procedures in utilizing these grant funds and will advertise bi-annually for lead contractors to participate in the program.