Council Communication

Department: Community Development	Resolution No.: 23 -	City Council: 6-12-2023

Subject/Title

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program Application and Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding Application

Background/Discussion

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has opened the application cycle for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program Grant. This grant is intended to assist communities with comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible households. Eligible properties are owner-occupied units with children under the age of six years old and rental housing. HUD-established income limits are based on household size and whether the property is rented or owner-occupied. The city of Council Bluffs' housing stock is primarily pre-1978 construction, at nearly 65%. Additionally, the city's low-to-moderate income rate is 53.4%. This round of funding will target the entire city of Council Bluffs.

Discussion

The City wishes to apply for funds to continue this program and plans to apply for a $1,910,303.47 grant that would complete lead safe renovations on approximately 40 units. The local match provided is proposed to be 10% from landlords ($132,480) and 16.48% from the City ($272,610) which will be paid through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This amount maximizes the points available under the grant.

Staff Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program Application and Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding Application and execute any related contracts with HUD upon award of funds.

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