# Council Communication

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**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**

Background

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 owner occupied and rental housing. The City applied for these funds unsuccessfully in 2014 and 2015. This year, the Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has changed significantly to include the creation of a set aside for jurisdictions that have not received a past award as well as reduced and streamlined rating factors. Jurisdictions without a previous award can apply for a total up to $2,300,000. Of which, $2,000,000 may be utilized to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible owner occupied and rental housing and $300,000 may be utilized for assessing, prioritizing and remediating other health and safety issues within the eligible units. Eligible units are units with children under the age of six years old and households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. It is estimated over 1,600 units will qualify for the program within Council Bluffs. For these reasons, staff wishes to submit an application.

Discussion

There is a minimum 10% match requirement of $230,000 on the $2,300,000 to identify and control lead-based paint hazards. However, in order to submit a more competitive application, a match of 16% ($512,000) will maximize additional scoring points. The match will be met utilizing the City's existing Housing Rehabilitation program funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from HUD.

**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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