

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to contracts for Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP) outreach, education, enrollment services and training.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), or designee, to:

- a. Execute contracts with Coalition for Economic Survival, Inner City Law Center Inc., Inquilinos Unidos, Koreatown Immigrant Worker Alliance, and Pacoima Beautiful for LHRP outreach, education, enrollment services and training, in substantial conformance with Attachment B of HCIDLA report to the Mayor dated December 22, 2015 for terms of one year with two additional one-year options, and compensation in an annual amount of \$42,500, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and in compliance with City contracting requirements, with funding sources as follows:

Funding Sources for Contracts

| <u>Fund/Dept No.</u> | <u>Account No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 57R/43               | 43L902             | \$200,000     |
| 57R/43               | 43L903             | 12,500        |

- b. Submit an application in response to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Fiscal Year 2016 Notice of Funding Availability for the LHRP grant.
- c. Negotiate and execute the LHRP grant agreement with HUD; designate the General Manager, HCIDLA as the Certifying Officer to administer the funds, and report back to the Mayor and Council, if successful in the application.
- d. Prepare Controller's instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The above recommendations are in compliance with City financial policies in that the LHRP is supported with federal funds from the HUD.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated January 13, 2016, the CAO states that HCIDLA requests authority to execute five contracts for LHRP outreach, education, enrollment services, and training. Each contract has a term from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with two additional one-year options, and compensation in an annual amount not to exceed \$42,500 per contract. The CAO recommends approval of HCIDLA's request and the related actions above.


According to the CAO, the LHRP is designed to prevent and control lead-based paint hazards within the City of Los Angeles. Although the bans on leaded gasoline and paint in 1978 have greatly reduced the exposure to dangerous lead levels, many children are still at risk of high exposure to lead in pre- 1978 housing. High exposure to lead can have serious health consequences, including damage to the brain and nervous system.

The CAO goes on to report that HCIDLA uses qualified Community Based Organizations to support the LHRP by conducting education to tenants, property owners, and property managers on the need to use lead-safe work practices, enrolling buildings that are eligible for subsidized lead hazard remediation, and sponsoring community-wide events to promote lead hazard control.

At its meeting held February 3, 2016, the Housing Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the CAO. The CAO representative stated that the proposed contracts are for LHRP outreach and education services. Remediation work is performed by State-certified contractors hired by property owners. Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the CAO as shown above.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u>  | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| CEDILLO:       | YES         |
| FUENTES:       | YES         |
| HUIZAR:        | ABSENT      |
| PRICE:         | YES         |
| HARRIS-DAWSON: | YES         |

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