

# TRANSMITTAL

To:

**THE COUNCIL**

Date: 06/14/2016

From:

**THE MAYOR**

**TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.**



(Ana Guerrero)

**ERIC GARCETTI**  
Mayor



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Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
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Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator

**COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE SUBCONTRACT EXTENSION (C-126021) AND RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH IMPACT ASSESSMENT INC. AND IMPLEMENT CONTROLLER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) GRANT FOR CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**

**Summary**

The General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) requests authority to execute a no-cost extension of time amendment for Contract No. 126021 through September 2016 (Attachment A), and to execute a subcontract for second year renewal funding of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) (Attachment B) with Impact Assessment, Inc. (IAI). The subcontract is funded as part of a three year cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, from 9/30/2014 to 9/30/2017. The contract amendments must be executed in July in order to expend the grant funds before September.

The grant-funded project, entitled *Implementing Innovative Solutions for High-Risk Children in Hard-to-Reach Populations*, is supporting an expanding City partnership with the local non-profit Healthy Homes Collaborative, and related community-based organizations (CBOs), Los Angeles County Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, IAI and new health partners to reduce childhood lead poisoning within the City of Los Angeles' Promise Zone and its neighboring communities.

**Recommendations**

The General Manager of the HCIDLA respectfully requests that:

1. Your office schedule this transmittal at the next available meeting(s) of the appropriate City Council committee(s) and forward it to the City Council for review and approval immediately thereafter; and
2. The City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the General Manager of HCIDLA or designee, to:
  - A. Negotiate and execute a no-cost time extension to Contract 126021 to September 29, 2016.
  - B. Authorize the General Manager of HCIDLA or designee, to negotiate and execute the second year renewal of the attached Subcontract with Impact Assessment Inc. with new funds of \$20,000 for the period September 30, 2015 to September 29, 2016.
  - C. Authorize the Controller to:
    1. Increase the receivable within Fund No. 49N Small Grants and Awards in the amount of \$20,000 from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, passed through Impact Assessment Incorporated (IAI).
  - D. Authorize the General Manager of HCIDLA, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions; and
  - E. Instruct the City Clerk to place on calendar on the first available meeting date after July 1, 2016, or soon thereafter, the following recommendations:

1. Establish new accounts within Fund No. 49N and appropriate as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
43N143	HCIDLA	\$13,807
43N299	Reimbursements to General Fund	<u>6,193</u>
	Total	\$20,000

2. Appropriate \$13,807 within Fund 100/43 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1010	Salaries	\$12,317
002130	Travel	1,490

## **Background**

Since the first subcontract for the CDC grant funding was approved in mid-2015, public discussions about the danger of childhood lead poisoning have increased throughout the nation, due to the lead poisoning disaster in Flint, Michigan and, closer to home, the Exide Technologies battery recycling plant in Vernon that has been poisoning Eastside communities for years, including Boyle Heights. The National Academy of Sciences reported in 1993, and subsequent research has shown, that comparatively low levels of lead exposure are harmful in infants, children, and pregnant women, and are associated with impaired cognitive function, behavior difficulties including attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), fetal organ development, and other problems. In addition, low levels of lead in children's blood can cause impaired hearing, reduced stature and cognitive losses (lower IQ) that reduce the average lifetime earnings of such children.

The no-cost time extension was needed in order to fully use the funds allocated to the first subcontract, and was approved by the CDC in a revised Notice of Grant Award (Attachment C). The second year renewal subcontract is retroactive to September 30, 2015, as shown in a CDC Notice of Grant Award (Attachment D).

### Grant Activities to Date

The title of this grant-funded project is: *Implementing Innovative Solutions for High-Risk Children in Hard-to-Reach Populations*. Its purpose is to reduce the number of children exposed to lead and to reduce the number of housing units that contribute to lead poisoning within the City of Los Angeles by expanding existing lead poisoning prevention activities, particularly in communities that have not benefitted from previous community education and outreach, specifically low-income, limited-English, non-Spanish speaking residents, many of whom live in the neighborhoods comprising the Los Angeles Promise Zone (LAPZ). Grant-funded activities over the past year include:

- Developing three Korean language brochures (targeted audiences: families, tenants, and maintenance/remodeling workers) based on focus group results and CBO partner feedback. New Spanish language versions of the brochures have also been created and development of an informational video that can be used by community outreach workers is in process.
- Establishing an approved format to report summary blood lead testing data for the county of Los Angeles to the CDC, working with the Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to generate blood lead testing data.
- Developing two comprehensive queries for generating data extracts of HCIDLA's Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) lead-related housing violations that are both meaningful and reusable for ongoing program data needs. The extracts were provided by HCIDLA and preliminary analysis has begun, including generating maps to drill down to the highest-risk properties for childhood lead poisoning within the LAPZ.
- Leveraging grant-funded resources to support HCIDLA's proposed Enhanced Repairs pilot program in the LAPZ, recently approved by the Mayor and City Council (Council File 15-0463).

- Documenting housing inspection protocols of HCIDLA's SCEP and Los Angeles County's Environmental Health investigations related to childhood lead poisoning.
- Developing strategies to link housing inspection data from HCIDLA to blood lead test results at the County CLPPP with data privacy restrictions (i.e. HIPAA)
- Establishing a partnership with AltaMed, health care provider located in the LAPZ and other parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties, to facilitate blood lead testing of children at high-risk of lead poisoning.

**Fiscal Impact Statement**

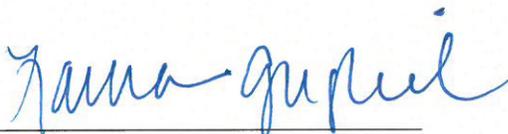
There will be no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments