

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to request for authority to utilize up to \$56,830.40 of the US Conference of Mayors Lead-Safe...For Kids' Sake (USCM) Program funds to enhance the Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), or designee, to utilize up to \$56,830.40 of the USCM Program grant funds as follows:
 - a. \$50,000 to release a Lead Technical Services Request for Proposals (RFP), previously approved as part of the Program Year 44 Consolidated Plan, to seek providers to train and certify HCIDLA program staff and contractors in the State of California and the Environmental Protection Agency lead-based paint work practice requirements.
 - b. \$6,830.40 to purchase hand-held tablets and accessories for Lead Hazard Remediation Program field staff to track lead-based paint hazards.
2. AUTHORIZE the HCIDLA to report in regard to the results of the RFP, detailed above in Recommendation No. 1a, and to request authority to negotiate and execute contracts with the selected contractor(s).
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$56,830.40 within Fund 49N LAHD Small Grant Funds and Awards, Account No. 43H624 DuPont Lead Safe, upon proper written demand of the General Manager, HCIDLA, or designee.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports there is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations contained in the February 19, 2019 CAO report, attached to the Council file, are in compliance with the City Financial Policies in that funding is available within the identified funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 27, 2019, your Committee considered February 19, 2019 CAO and January 23, 2019 HCIDLA reports relative to a request for authority to utilize up to \$56,830.40 of the USCM Program funds to enhance the LHRP. According to the CAO, the HCIDLA is requesting authority to utilize up to \$98,524.50 of USCM Program grant funds to enhance the LHRP as follows:

- a. Fund the release of a Lead Technical Services Request for Proposals (RFP), previously approved as part of the Program Year 44 Consolidated Plan, to seek providers to train and certify HCIDLA program staff and contractors in the State of California and the Environmental Protection Agency lead-based paint work practice requirements.

- b. Purchase three Microsoft Surface Pros hand-held tablets and accessories for LHRP field staff, which consists of one Rehabilitation Construction Specialist II, one Rehabilitation Project Coordinator II, and one Project Assistant.
- c. Fund the software development of a platform that synchronizes with the tablet devices.

The HCIDLA reports that approval of the proposed grant-funded activities will enhance the LHRP by addressing the reduction in the number of lead-certified workers and also expediting the lead remediation process. The balance of the Grant is currently \$98,524.50. If the recommendations outlined in this report are approved, there will be a Grant balance of \$41,694.10. It should be noted that the Controller instruction in this report differs from the Controller instruction in the January 23, 2019 HCIDLA. Subsequent to the release of their Report, the HCIDLA confirmed that the cost of the hand-held tablets and accessories will total \$6,830.40 and not \$10,500. Also, the HCIDLA has determined that the software development mentioned in the Report would best be accomplished by a contract programmer. The HCIDLA will prepare a transmittal under a separate cover requesting authority to execute a third amendment to an existing contract using the remaining Grant balance of \$41,694.10. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report as detailed in above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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