



## **Administrative Services Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: 07/30/2024

HCD\_ Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program Application Submission Approval Request

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**Department:** HCD

**Presenter:** Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff

**Caption:** Request to approve submission of the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant and authority for the Mayor, as Augusta, Georgia's Certifying Official, to execute the necessary HUD documents.

**Background:** On October 5, 2022, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) awarded \$4,026,668.54 (itemized breakdown subject to change while award amount remains the same) to Augusta, Georgia as part of the record investment of \$126 million nationwide to 26 state and local government agencies, that will help protect Augusta children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards. The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant includes \$3,650,000.00 in Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program funding and \$400,000.00 in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding.

The Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program aims to advance the recognition and control of priority residential health and safety hazards and examine the link between housing and health. The program focuses on developing and evaluating cost-effective methods for identifying and reducing housing-related health hazards, particularly for vulnerable populations, and can serve as a fully federal funded source for exploring better ways to serve our communities in this area and be a part of the national conversation for the link and importance of environmentally safe housing and a healthy life.

Housing and Community is interested in additional resources to assist the residents and communities of Augusta, Georgia thus our reason for seeking your approval to apply for this grant.

**Analysis:**

If approved by Augusta, Georgia Commission, the Housing and Community Development Department will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of housing interventions, and barriers and incentives to better understand the most cost saving strategies.

**Financial Impact:**

If approved, HCD will move forward to apply for the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant in hopes of receiving funding. Funding awards range from \$ 300,000 to \$ 1 million.

**Alternatives:**

Do not approve HCD to apply for the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant.

**Recommendation:**

Request to approve submission of the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant and authority for the Mayor, as Augusta, Georgia's Certifying Official, to execute the necessary HUD documents.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:**

No funding from Housing and Community Development because Not Applicable.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

- Procurement
- Finance
- Law
- Administrator
- Clerk of Commission