

**Commission Meeting** 

August 1, 2023

HCD\_ Lead Hazard Reduction Program Partnerships Approval Request

**Department:** HCD

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

Caption: Motion to approve HCD's request to enter into partnerships to increase lead

safety and awareness in the local community.

**Background:** 

On January 24, 2023, HUD awarded \$3.9 million, to the City of Augusta as part of the record investment of \$125 million nationwide: to 26 state and local government agencies that will help protect Augusta, Georgia's children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards.

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program (LBP) grants include \$3,560,000 in LBP funding and \$400,000 in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding. The LBP grants include \$400 million nationwide in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to help communities address housing-related health and safety hazards, in addition to lead-based paint hazards.

## **Lead Hazard Reduction**

This program funds lead hazard reduction activities in owner-occupied single-family homes and rental properties if the units meet the minimum program requirements. These requirements include but are not limited to, the units must be in need of lead hazard reduction activity; structurally sound upon completion of the lead hazard reduction activity; and registered with the Georgia Department of the Environment Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

**Analysis:** 

Motion to approve HCD's request to enter into partnerships to increase lead safety and awareness in the local community. Partners to include are: Goodwill of Middle Georgia & The CSRA, The Housing Authority of Augusta, GA, Augusta, GA Fire Department, Richmond County Health Department, Security Federal, Augusta, GA Utilities Department, Georgia

Legal Aid, CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., Augusta, GA Compliance Department, Baptist Ministerial Conference of Augusta, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Augusta, Asociacion Latina De Servicios Del CSRA, and Augusta University Environmental Health and Safety Division.

Financial Impact: Augusta, Georgia receives funding from HUD annually.

**Alternatives:** Deny HCD's Request

**Recommendation:** Motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with partners to

increase lead safety and awareness in the local community.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

Lead Grant: Total amount requested - \$0
221073227- 5211120 Contractional Services

**REVIEWED AND** Procurement **APPROVED BY:** Finance

Finance

Law

Administrator

**Clerk of Commission**