



Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/28/2025

HCD_ Lead Hazard Reduction Program Medical Sub-Grantee Approval Request RFQ Item #23-230

Department: HCD

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

Caption: Motion to approve HCD's request of recommendation of award for the RFQ Item #23-230 to Medical Associates Plus in compliance and direction of the Augusta Procurement Department as a sub-recipient to the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.

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 \$3,960,000 (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 OLHCHH grant includes \$3,560,000.00 in Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program funding and \$400,000.00 in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding. A ten percent match commitment is required for this program by statute 42 U.S.C. 4852.

Analysis: Through a fair solicitation process, HCD endorses Medical Associates Plus as a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant sub-recipient. Medical Associates Plus will provide mobile blood lead testing as well as a referral system for children 6 years and younger and pregnant women with elevated blood lead levels, especially those above the state threshold of 3.5ug/dl. APC will provide outreach and program awareness in the local community. APC will create solutions to local challenges experienced by children and families with lead using the expertise and knowledge of people living in Augusta Richmond County. Their services will include training, home visiting, health education, group facilitation, resource sharing, and monthly outreach events. HCD will offer technical and financial assistance while providing a safe and controlled means of lead hazard control & healthy home remediation in residential

dwelling units occupied by low-income households (annual household income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD).

i) Scope of Services:

a. Financial Agreement

Medical Associates Plus \$34,979.00 amount for 3-year period.

b. Basic Requirements

i. For the lifetime of the grant the agency must:

1. Provide a dedicated staff pre and post-services lead phlebotomy testing services to low to moderate-income ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers enrolled or to be enrolled in the program for the Augusta, Georgia Richmond county area.

a. Two (2) Registered Nurses

i. Provide dedicated in-office and mobile pre and post-service lead phlebotomy testing services to low to moderate-income ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers enrolled or to be enrolled in the program.

ii. Provide lead testing services to community residents in need of such service, make needed referrals for follow-up care, data entry in the Electronic Health Record, and tracking of results and other data.

iii. Test all children ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers involved with the program and have the results analyzed using a portable Blood Lead Analyzer

iv. Directly refer children ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers with an elevated level $\geq 3.5\text{ug/dl}$ to the program.

v. Provide treatment and services according to MAP standards to children ages six (6) and pregnant mothers with an elevated level $\geq 3.5\text{ug/dl}$ will be confirmed by a venous test or two subsequent capillary tests.

b. (1) Transportation Driver

i. To transport registered nurses to locations to provide lead pre and post-service lead phlebotomy testing services.

2. Provide conduct targeted outreach, affirmative marketing, education, or outreach programs on lead hazard control and lead poisoning prevention designed to:

a. Increase Augusta, Georgia's ability to deliver the specified lead hazard control services through this program, including educating owners of eligible rental properties, tenants, and others on the benefits and expectations of participating in the program.

b. Educate owners of rental properties, tenants, and others on Lead safety and risk.

- c. Partner with other local and/or statewide agencies such as WIC clinics, pediatric events, Medicaid events, physician referrals, and community gatherings to further education and awareness of the program.
- d. Collaborate with the program and other community agencies to organize and administer Community/Neighborhood Resource Fairs at least one (1) event in of the ten (10) Augusta, Georgia judications. To increase HCD's ability to deliver specified lead hazard control services to residents of the Augusta, Georgia and Richmond County area.
- e. Participate in partner quarterly meetings.
- f. Report monthly reports information with support such as but not limited to:
 - i. Track and report event participation to HCD program staff through the required reporting system according to standard.

Financial Impact: Allocation of \$3,960,000.00 from the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alternatives: Deny HCD's request to award RFQ Item #23-230 to Medical Associates Plus

Recommendation: Motion to approve HCD's request of recommendation of award for the RFQ Item #23-230 to Medical Associates Plus in compliance and direction of the Augusta Procurement Department as a sub-recipient to the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Org Key: 221073232/5211120
 Total Allocated Funding \$2.4M
 Medical Associates Plus: \$34,979.00

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