



Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 08/13/2024

HCD_ Healthy Homes Production Grant Program

Department:	HCD
Presenter:	Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff
Caption:	Request to approve submission of the Healthy Production Grant and authority for the Mayor, as Augusta, Georgia’s Certifying Official, to execute the documents.
Background:	<p>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.</p> <p>Housing and Community Development is interested in applying for supplemental funding through The FY24 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program. This program aims to identify and mitigate housing-related health and safety hazards to reduce the number of families and individuals living in homes with health hazards. This program supports comprehensive housing interventions to ensure safer and healthier homes. The minimum award is \$1,000,000 and the maximum award is \$2,000,000. This Program does not require cost sharing or matching, but does require leverage.</p>
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 Healthy Homes Production Grant in hopes of receiving funding. Funding awards range from \$ 1 million to \$ 2 million.

Alternatives: Do not approve HCD to apply for the Healthy Homes Production Grant.

Recommendation: Request to approve submission of the Healthy Homes Production Grant and authority for the Mayor, as Augusta, Georgia's Certifying Official, to execute the documents.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Awards will range from \$1,000,000 to a maximum of \$2,000,000. This Program does not require cost sharing or matching, but does require leverage.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- Procurement
- Finance
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