

City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal Building 300 W. Washington Street Greensboro, NC 27401

Legislation Text

File #: ID 17-0748, Version: 1

Ordinance in the Amount of \$2.9 Million for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant

Department: Neighborhood Development

Council District: All

Public Hearing: n/a Advertising Date/By: n/a

Contact 1 and Phone: Stanley Wilson, 336-373-2509 Contact 2 and Phone: Cynthia Blue, 336-433-7376

PURPOSE:

City Council approval is requested for a budget ordinance to set up the \$2.9 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant budget as awarded to the City by the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] to address lead-based paint and healthy homes hazards within the City of Greensboro, and to address hazards in homes of children with elevated blood lead levels within Guilford County, excluding the City of High Point.

BACKGROUND:

The City has been the recipient of four prior Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants which have made 875 housing units lead safe for low income families.

The current \$2.9 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant will address lead paint and other hone health hazards, over the next three years, in 165 housing units occupied by low income tenant or owner households, with a priority on households with children under six years of age. Lead-based paint hazards can be found in homes built prior to 1978, when the use of lead-based paint was outlawed. Lead hazards can cause health, developmental and learning problems for young children. Training, outreach and education on lead safety will be provided to rehabilitation contractors and the public.

The City has committed \$390,000 in matching funds for lead hazard work. The match will come from a combination of the City's federal Community Development Block Grant allocations, the value of owner repairs, and subcontractor match sources. Match funds will be allocated on an annual basis for three years. The current year's match commitment is already allocated.

Any home addressed in Guilford County would utilize only the Lead-based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant funding to remediate hazards in homes of children with elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 µg/dl, which is the Center for Disease Control's Level of Concern for child lead poisoning.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Local matching funds totaling \$390,000 over a three year period will come from CDBG allocations, the value of owner repairs, and subcontractor match sources.

File #: ID 17-0748, Version: 1

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is requested to consider the approval of the budget ordinance for a \$2.9 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant.