

Legislation Text

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Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to accept a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant in the amount of \$3,573,037 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, and**
- B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$3,573,037 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to the Neighborhood Development Grants Fund for program activities.**

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Explanation

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant to cities to fund the testing, risk evaluation, control, and reduction of lead paint hazards in low-income housing.
- The National Center for Healthy Housing estimates 39 percent of homes built in North Carolina were built prior to 1978 and are at risk of containing lead-based paint.
- Lead, a toxic heavy metal, was a major component in paint prior to 1978. Lead-based paint is still present in many older residential properties and poses a danger, especially for children age six or younger who reside in these homes.
- LeadSafe Charlotte provides grants to assist low-income homeowners with addressing unsafe lead paint conditions that pose a potential health hazard to young children.
- Housing and Neighborhood Services will use HUD's grant in the amount of \$3,573,037 to fund LeadSafe Charlotte, the city's lead abatement program. Since 1995, HUD's grant program has been the primary funding source for the LeadSafe Charlotte program.
- The program is designed to assist owners of single and multi-family dwellings and landlords with properties having two or more bedrooms. To date, LeadSafe Charlotte has identified and removed lead hazards in 2,265 residential properties.
- The city's previous lead-based paint grant was completed on November 16, 2023. This new funding will allow LeadSafe Charlotte to test more than 180 housing units for lead and remove lead hazards from up to 100 housing units over the next four years.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Neighborhood Development Grants Fund (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant)

Attachment(s)

Budget Ordinance