

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/22/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0384

**LOG NAME:** 19LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT MATCH2025

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for the Purpose of Reallocating \$19,384.30 of Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Southside Community Center for Use as the City's Direct Match to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program and Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the Purpose of Reallocating \$362,010.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Southside Community Center and \$368,605.70 of Community Development Block Grant Funds from Unprogrammed Funds for a Total of \$730,615.70 for Use as the City's Direct Match to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Program and Authorize a Change in Use and Expenditure in the Amount of \$750,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Use as the City's Direct Match to the United States Department of Housing and Development Lead Hazard Reduction Program

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a substantial amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for the purpose of reallocating \$19,384.30 of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Southside Community Center for use as the City's direct match to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program;
2. Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the purpose of reallocating \$362,010.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Southside Community Center and \$368,605.70 of Community Development Block Grant funds from unprogrammed funds for a total of \$730,615.70 for use as the City's direct match to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program; and
3. Authorize a change in use and expenditure in the amount of \$750,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds for use as the City's direct match for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize a substantial amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Action Plans, and authorize a change in use and expenditure in the amount of \$750,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds for a direct match for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program. Match funds are derived from the following sources:

- 2021-2022 City of Fort Worth Community Development Actions Plan in the amount of \$19,384.30 from the Southside Community Center
- 2022-2023 City of Fort Worth Community Development Actions Plan in the amount of \$362,010.00 from the Southside Community Center
- 2022-2023 City of Fort Worth Community Development Actions Plan in the amount of \$368,605.70 from Unprogrammed Funds

On August 3, 2021 and August 9, 2022, the City Council approved the 2021-2022 (M&C 21-0522) and 2022-2023 (M&C 22-0569) Annual Action Plans for the use of HUD grant funds. Both Plans included approval of funds for Southside Community Center Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, building renovations, and a Senior Center conversion. As of the current date, these funds have not been expended pending the future use of the community center. To spend HUD grant funds in a timely manner, funds were recommended to be reallocated to the Lead-Safe program. This meets the Council-approved goals of Preserve Aging Housing Stock and Healthy Living and Wellness, as this program helps create a lead-safe environment for the children and residents of Fort Worth.

On June 24, 2024, HUD Department issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for competitive grants under the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (LHRG) and the Office of Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding Program (HHSF) programs. These grants help local governments identify and control lead-based paint hazards in owner-occupied and rental housing, primarily through interim controls like encapsulation and replacing friction surfaces (e.g., doors, windows).

On August 13, 2024, M&C 24-0689 authorized the application for and acceptance of up to \$5,700,000.00 from HUD for the LHRG Program to fund the City's Lead Safe Program (Program) which targets pre-1978 homes for income-eligible families who have children living in the home under the age of six. The M&C also approved the use of up to \$750,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as the City's required match and adopted an appropriation ordinance to increase the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund by up to \$6,450,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant.

This M&C is needed because the previous M&C 24-0689 did not include an authorization for a substantial amendment to the above-mentioned action plans.

A public comment period regarding a substantial amendment to the City's 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Action Plans was held from March 3, 2025 to April 1, 2025. Any comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department in accordance with federal regulations.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract legally does not require City Council approval.

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City Funds.

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