

August 06, 2024

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program

On October 22, 2019, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) was designated to serve as agent of the County of Los Angeles (County) to administer and implement funds received from the legal settlement in the lead paint public nuisance litigation to fund the Countywide Lead-Based Paint Hazard Remediation Program (Lead Free Program). The Lead Free Program currently offers lead-based paint remediation in each supervisorial district targeting remediation to single family properties with up to four units.

On August 30, 2021, LACDA was awarded \$5,700,000 in Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRG Program) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding opportunity allowed LACDA to expand remediation projects to multifamily properties larger than four units within specific opportunity zones and countywide. The LHRG Program funds further allocated additional resources used to combat other home hazards that impact children and other vulnerable populations. This created an enhanced lead remediation plan that increased the capacity of the current Lead Free Program, increasing aid and providing safe housing for predominately low-income families with children.

Building on this success, LACDA is seeking up to \$7,750,000 in 2024 LHRG Program funds from HUD to expand the existing Lead Free Program. On June 21, 2024, HUD issued a

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Notice of Funding Opportunity for the LHRG Program to provide funds to local governments to undertake comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards and target housing where children are at the greatest risk of lead poisoning. This expansion aims to include remediation projects for single and multi-family properties, furthering LACDA's commitment to providing safe housing across the County.

As part of HUD's LHRG Program renewal application, LACDA is required to submit a Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Commissioners. The Resolution certifies that LACDA has been designated by the County to submit the application to HUD, is authorized to accept LHRG Program funds, and authorizes the execution of the grant agreement with HUD and any related documents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority:

1. Adopt and request the Chair to sign the Resolution, approving the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (LHRG) Program Notice of Funding for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorize the Executive Director or designee to submit the application by August 19, 2024;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to accept funds, not to exceed \$7,750,000, from HUD for the LHRG Program on behalf of LACDA and execute the LHRG Program Grant Agreement between LACDA and HUD, including modifications or

amendments consistent with this Resolution and as approved as to form by County Counsel;

3. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to take any actions and execute any related documents, agreements, contracts, or amendments related to the LHRG Program, approved as to form by County Counsel;
4. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to incorporate LHRG Program funds received from HUD into LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget; and
5. Find that the approval of these actions is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program ("LHRG Program") is designed to maximize the protection of children under the age of six from lead poisoning; build local capacity of trained and certified individuals and firms to safely address lead hazards and develop comprehensive, community-based approaches to integrating the LHRG program with local initiatives; and establish a detailed process of targeted outreach and education programs to property owners and tenants; and

WHEREAS, during long-standing lead poisoning health crisis affecting children's mental development, new sources of grant funds may be available through both public and private sources which provide opportunities to further the mission of the Los Angeles County Development Authority ("LACDA"); and

WHEREAS, HUD has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO"), dated June 21, 2024, for the LHRG Program; and

WHEREAS, LACDA desires to submit an application for the LHRG Program grant funds and requires the Board of Commissioners authority to submit such applications to HUD for its review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, LACDA has reviewed the NOFO and all other Program requirements made available by HUD as of the date of this resolution and intends to only submit applications that comply with all available and applicable terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director or designee shall ensure compliance with any requirements, provisions and restrictions set forth in the grant documents and will ensure LHRG Program, grants, or donations are aligned with the mission of the LACDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to participate in the LHRG Program for the funding and directs the Executive Director or designee to participate in the LHRG Program and comply with all applicable requirements for the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee, on behalf of LACDA, to complete and submit a grant application to HUD in response to the NOFO, dated June 21, 2024, and to apply for LHRG Program funds in a total amount not to exceed \$7,750,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to accept LHRG Program funds not to exceed \$7,750,000 on behalf of LACDA and to execute the LHRG Program grant agreement between the LACDA and HUD including modifications or amendments consistent with this Resolution and as approved as to form by County Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or designee is authorized take any actions and execute any related documents, agreements, contracts, or amendments consistent with this Resolution and the LHRG Program and as approved as to form by County Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and the Executive Officer of the Board of Commissioners does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners adopted at a duly convened meeting, and that the Resolution has not been altered, amended, or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority this 6th day of August, 2024, by the following vote:

Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Hahn, Barger and Horvath

AYES: 5 ABSTENTIONS: 0

NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0


By: 
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
EDWARD YEN,
Executive Officer
of the Board of Commissioners

By: 
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R HARRISON,
County Counsel

By: 
Deputy