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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Hon. Mark D. Boughton via the Common Council
FROM: Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel
RE: RESOLUTION – CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING AND POISON PREVENTION
DATE: August 22, 2005

Attached for your review is a resolution, which would allow the City of Danbury, Department of Health and Housing, to apply for and accept funding from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health. The Department of Health & Housing will use this funding to develop a Childhood Lead Screening Project and Poisoning Prevention Project. The cost of this project would be funded entirely by State Funding in the amount of \$26,913.33. There would be no local match required.

The Common Council is requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

If you have any questions, or require any further information, please contact my office at (203) 797-4652.

Attach.



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has notified the Department of Health and Housing of the City of Danbury of the City's eligibility to apply for a Childhood Lead Screening and Lead Poisoning Prevention Project Grant; and

WHEREAS the grant term will cover a one year period of 10/1/05 through 9/30/06 in the amount of \$26,913.33 with no local match required; and

WHEREAS the State's purpose in providing these funds is to enable the City's Health and Housing Department to provide community education and outreach within high-risk urban neighborhoods addressing health problems associated with childhood lead poisoning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized to apply to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for said grant funds and to accept the award if offered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

A Healthy Neighborhood is a Lead Safe Neighborhood: A Childhood Lead Screening and Lead Poisoning Prevention Project

Goal: To identify children who have been exposed to lead, provide appropriate interventions and reduce risk of exposure

Implementation Strategies:

Universal Blood Lead Screening

The program is designed to provide preventative environmental health services that include educating families about lead safety, performing environmental risk assessments, conducting blood lead screenings and providing case management follow-up services for children in pre-identified high-risk neighborhoods in three urban cities. Blood lead testing will be available for all one and two year children old and all children under six who have not as yet been screened. Blood lead testing will be available for any child regardless of age who has symptoms consistent with lead poisoning or is identified as at risk due to potential lead hazard exposure.

Community Outreach and Education

Within the communities selected, intense community outreach and education will be conducted. This includes one-on-one education to parents, group trainings and presentations, and home visits to families of children with blood lead levels 10-19 µg/dL, regardless of sample type. The families will receive education in their own home and advice on appropriate interim measures and cleaning techniques. Community based organizations and faith based groups will be identified and encouraged to participate in the outreach process.

Public Awareness Campaign

A yearlong awareness campaign will be conducted that incorporates multi-lingual educational materials for families, community members and healthcare professionals and strategic educational print and media announcements. These will be provided by the Department of Public Health and/or public health foundation. This will raise awareness about lead poisoning, the importance of practicing lead safety and upcoming screening activities.

Lead Hazard Reduction and Remediation Education

Training programs will be provided that educate professional painters, renovators, and remodelers and property owners on methods and techniques to protect themselves, as well as residents and their families from the hazards of environmental lead exposure. These Lead Safe Work Practices trainings will be provided by the Lead Action for Medicaid Primary Prevention (LAMPP) and through funding provided directly to LAMPP. These programs will also include peer-to-peer technical assistance.

Funding: Each local health department will receive \$26,913.33 in three payments. The first payment for 50% of the grant funding will be distributed at the start of the project. The remaining 50% will be distributed in two equal 25% allotments at the halfway point of the project and at the end of the project.

Timeline: This is a 12-month project that will start on October 1, 2005. Progress reports will be collected quarterly and designed to be minimal and will not be an undue burden?

Equipment: Each local health department will receive a Lead Care System blood lead analyzing kit with supplies to last for approximately eighteen months. This includes test kits, quality control kits, and blood retrieval kits. These items have been purchased by the Department of Public Health and do not impact the grant amount listed above. The funded departments will need to budget the cost of lancets, disposable gloves, band aids, and biohazard sharps containers into their funding award.

Materials: A public education campaign will be launched to announce the start of the program and will run throughout the entire 12-month period. This includes, but is not limited to, radio spots, bus shelter posters, public service announcements, and print material. A brochure will be designed specifically for this project and supplies provided to the local health departments to support them in their efforts to promote the program. DPH will also supplement the educational materials from its own stock. Again, these items will not affect the grant amount awarded to the local health departments.