

Summary

Board Bill Number 190

Primary Sponsor: Alderwoman Cara Spencer

December 11, 2020

This Board Bill seeks the approval of a competitive Lead Hazard Reduction Grant in the amount of Two Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$2,520,000) received by the Community Development Administration (CDA) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding from the grant will allow for CDA, the Building Division and Department of Health to continue efforts in reducing lead poisoning and will also allow for the remediation of lead hazards from 210 units of housing.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 190 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN CARA SPENCER/ALDERMAN DAN GUENTHER/ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS/ALDERMAN BRET NARAYAN/ALDERWOMAN ANNIE RICE/ALDERWOMAN DWINDERLIN EVANS/ALDERWOMAN HEATHER NAVARRO/ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN/ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY/ALDERWOMAN VICKY GRASS/ALDERWOMAN SARAH MARTIN/ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD/ALDERMAN JOE VACCARO/ALDERMAN JOE VOLLMER/ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA

1 An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, authorizing and
2 directing the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of St. Louis, on behalf of the City, to enter into
3 and execute an agreement or agreements with the United State Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development (“HUD”) Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control being offered
5 pursuant to a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (the “NOFA”) for the
6 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant (LHRD) Program; and directing the Comptroller to
7 issue warrants thereon upon the City Treasury; and containing an emergency clause.

8 **WHEREAS**, HUD published a NOFA for the LHRD Program on July 22, 2020; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Community Development Administration (CDA) submitted an
10 application in behalf of the City of St. Louis to HUD on August 24, 2020; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the grant funds will be used to help prevention of lead poisoning in children
12 before it occurs and will further continuing City efforts in which lead poisoning of children in the
13 City has decreased on average by 3.5% annually since 2010; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2020, Ben Carson, Secretary of HUD, announced that the
15 City of St. Louis was awarded a competitive LHRD Grant in the amount of Two Million, Five
16 Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$2,520,000) to conduct lead hazard reduction in
17 residential housing units; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the HUD funds, combined with City Funds through the Building Division’s
2 Lead Remediation Fund will be used to remediate at least 210 housing units of lead hazards by
3 July 3, 2024; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in order to receive these funds, the City of St. Louis must enter into and
5 execute an agreement or agreements with HUD; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to appropriate the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration
7 Grant funds, according to the contents of its application and HUD rules.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, AS**
9 **FOLLOWS:**

10 Section One. The Mayor of the City of St. Louis, on behalf of the City, is hereby
11 authorized and directed to enter into and execute an agreement or agreements with HUD for the
12 receipt of Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Funding.

13 Section Two. There is hereby appropriated Two Million, Five Hundred and Twenty
14 Thousand Dollars (\$2,520,000) which the City has been awarded in a Lead Hazard Reduction
15 Demonstration Grant to remediate lead hazards in housing units throughout the City for the
16 purposes described in **Exhibit A** incorporated herein by reference. The Director of CDA is
17 hereby authorized to make, negotiate and execute any and all contracts or other documents,
18 including disbursing agreements and/or other agreements associated with eligible Lead Hazard
19 Reduction activities, which are necessary to carry out the program, and to expend said funds for
20 the purposes identified in the City’s application to HUD;

21 Section Three. The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City
22 Treasury for payments thereon. The Director of CDA is further authorized and directed to

1 transfer funds among the purposes described in the application to HUD, upon HUD approval and
2 with the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

3 Section Four. This being an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the
4 public peace, health and safety and making appropriations for the payment of principal and
5 interest on public debt and for the current expenses of the City government, an emergency is
6 hereby declared to exist within the meaning of Section 20, Article IV, of the Charter and this
7 ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the
8 Mayor.

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EXHIBIT A HUD LEAD GRANT—BUDGET			
GRANT PARTNERS	GRANT AMOUNT	MATCH AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
LHRD Grant Administration Program <i>Community Development Administration</i>	\$518,414	\$100,002	\$618,416
LHRD Grant Inspection and Remediation Program <i>Building Division</i>	\$1,830,866	\$837,396	\$2,668,262
LHRD Education and Outreach Program <i>Department of Health</i>	\$119,860		\$119,860
Section 3 Employment Training Program <i>Employment Connection</i>	\$23,000		\$23,000
Lead-Safe Housing Registry & Marketing <i>Emphasys, FKA Socialserve.com</i>	\$22,860		\$22,860
Website design and marketing materials <i>TBD</i>	\$5,000		\$5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$2,520,000	\$937,398	\$3,457,398