



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Cook County Department Of Public Health for a Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant in the Amount of \$240,000 and Authorizing its Execution**

### **Overview**

The Village secured a renewal of the Cook County Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 over a three year period. The Grant will be invested in lead risk assessment and lead hazard control efforts by the Village Departments of Public Health and Development Customer Services.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Approve the Resolution.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The grant will add revenues for staff wages and salaries as well as contracted services for lead testing and hazard controls and will reduce the Village's reliance on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds freeing those funds up for other projects.

### **Background**

The Village of Oak Park Health Department has an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health to manage childhood lead including managing and maintaining the state of Illinois' Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHL PSS) database; a database which collects and stores childhood blood lead testing data and environmental health investigation data. In 2017, the Health Department managed 804 childhood blood lead test results. Among those blood lead results received, there were 5 new blood tests above 10 mcg/dl, all requiring various levels of Health Department follow-up including nursing case-management and environmental investigation and follow-up.

For many years, the Village of Oak Park used a substantial allocation from its annual CDBG entitlement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low income households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) in both the control of lead-based paint hazards and the rehabilitation of their homes through a Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program (SFR). CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation projects require lead risk assessments and hazard reduction at three different levels of intensity depending on the total cost of the rehabilitation project. The Village caps rehabilitation financing at \$24,999 and awards grants for identifying and controlling lead hazards based on that cap. Reduction of lead based hazards is a goal

of the Village's CDBG program.

### **Alternatives**

The Board may opt not to approve the resolution or to recommend revisions to the agreement. Revisions would also require approval by Cook County.

### **Previous Board Action**

On December 7, 2015 the Board approved a motion to apply to Cook County for grant funding. On January 19, 2016, the Village Board approved a Resolution Accepting a Cook County Department Of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant Award in the Amount of \$160,000 and Authorizing the Execution of the Grant Agreement which allowed renewals as new funding is received by Cook County from the Federal Government.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A

### **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

N/A

### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

The grant allows us to cooperate with the federal government and Cook County.

### **Performance Management (MAP) Alignment**

A Governance Priority for the Development Customer Services Department and its administration of the Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program.