Resolution authorizing City Planning and Development Department to accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Grant for Lead-Safe Homes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, addressing lead risk and lead poisoning in homes has been identified as a priority in the 2020-2024 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and in the city-wide community needs survey; and

WHEREAS, repairing deteriorating rental properties was also identified as a high priority in said plan and survey; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has been awarded \$350,900 for a Lead-Safe Homes Grant, in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, for the purpose of eliminating lead hazards and reducing lead risk in homes; and

WHEREAS, said grant, will allow the City to eliminate lead hazards in the homes of children who are eligible for Badgercare or Medicaid, with a priority on children who are currently lead poisoned (and eligible for Badgercare); and

WHEREAS, this grant may include but not be limited to the following activities in eligible properties: window replacement, re-painting and repairing home exteriors, replacing fascia and soffit, repairing interior trim, addressing cracked and peeling paint, replacing siding and roofing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Grant for Lead-Safe Homes and the attached grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs oversight of the Lead-Safe Homes Grant to the Community Development Committee and approval of policies and procedures related to this grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any program income generated by this program will be returned to a housing fund to continue this program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and the Community Development Administrator are authorized to perform all steps needed to effectuate the Lead-Safe Homes Grant.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on March 12, 2020.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin