

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, July 29, 2019

Regular Meeting

Item Public Inp1

Council to discuss and consider action on using CDBG lead testing dollars in the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant as a match for a county-wide lead abatement grant through Panhandle Area Development District & Panhandle Public Health District.

Staff Contact: Panhandle Area Development District

Discussion and action of approval on using CDBG lead testing dollars in the OOR grant as match for a county-wide Lead abatement grant through PADD and PPHD.

Dear members of the Scottsbluff City Council,

Panhandle Area Development District and Panhandle Public Health District are partnering to apply for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (FR-6300-N-13) offered through the office of lead hazard control and healthy homes. The grant would provide 1,000,000 in funds to abate lead in the homes of families with children under the age of six. This grant would be submitted to be available to homes in Scottsbluff County.

The grant requires a 10% match and in order to meet that we have proposed matching the lead grant with the lead testing dollars available in the owner Occupied Rehab grant that the city is applying for. This would not change the purpose of the OOR grant it would simply be used to show community commitment to abating lead. Morrill will be using their OOR grant as match and PADD will be using our available housing funds as match.

With all of this match we are still 40,000 away from our required match amount but it does provide a lot of support. If the city would be interested in committing any further monetary match dollars to leverage more lead abatement we would be grateful for that partnership as well. We are hoping with the match we get from Morrill, Scottsbluff, and PADD we can follow up with other communities to secure the additional match required.

Thank you for your consideration,

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