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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

2004 Lead-Safe for Kids' Sake Grant Application

### SYNOPSIS—

This action would receive and file a grant application to the Lead-Safe for Kids' Sake program sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors and Dupont. The program will award two \$100,000 grants and one \$300,000 grant. The City of Des Moines is not required to provide any match beyond the current allocations to lead abatement and education.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

There is no local funding match, but mayors from Cities chosen for awards must attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in Boston in June 2004. If this grant were received it would compliment \$400,000 of funds already available for lead hazard reduction activities.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

The Lead Safe for Kids' Sake program will award one Award for Excellence of \$300,000, two Awards for Excellence of \$100,000, and an undisclosed number of Lead-Safe for Kids' Sake Best Practice Awards. The grant program strives to assist mayors in creating healthier and safer cities by funding the implementation of critically needed lead safe practices. Awards will be given to mayors who propose new and effective solutions to make city neighborhoods lead safe.

The City of Des Moines' grant application represents a collaboration between the City of Des Moines, the Iowa Department of Health, the Polk County Health Department, and the Citizens for Community Improvement to reduce the impact of lead in the 50314 zip code through the "Get the Facts about Lead" program. This program focuses on education, home risk assessments of lead hazards, blood testing, and referral. A local resource guide ties all of these elements together.

If funded, staff believes that this program could make a marked improvement in this area.