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3 **Resolution Relating to**

4 Wright, Mulvaney-Stanak (Community Development Com.); Keogh, Wright, Paul, Mulvaney-Stanak (Bd. of Finance)

**RESOLUTION**

Sponsor(s): Councilors Berezniak,  
Paul, Mulvaney-Stanak (Bd. of Finance)

5 Introduced: 10/17/11  
6 Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8 Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Signed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

11 AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
12 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
13 LEAD HAZARD CONTROL GRANT

14 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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16 In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....  
17 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

18 That WHEREAS, Burlington's childhood lead poisoning rate is more than double the national average;  
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21 WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning remains the number one environmental health threat affecting  
22 children, and asthma is the nation's number one cause of school absences for elementary school children;  
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24 WHEREAS, Vermont has the nations seventh oldest housing stock, many Burlington homes and  
25 apartments still have deteriorated lead paint and other hazards posing a significant health threat to young  
26 children; and

27 WHEREAS, Vermont's asthma rate per capita is higher than the national average and the schools in  
28 the Old North End report an asthma rate that is 50% higher than the statewide average; and

29 WHEREAS, the Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) was awarded a HUD grant  
30 to launch the Burlington Lead Program (BLP) in October 2003 to reduce childhood lead poisoning and  
31 another HUD grant in 2007 to expand the BLP; and

32 WHEREAS, at the end of the current HUD grant period the BLP will have made over 300 homes  
33 lead safe; performed over 500 risk assessments/lead-based paint inspections; sponsored over 400 community  
34 education and outreach events; and trained 800 property owners, and managers about keeping their  
35 properties in lead-safe condition; and

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41 WHEREAS, the City has received national recognition for its success in making homes  
42 safer, increasing testing rates among resident children, adopting an innovative lead safety  
43 ordinance, and for applying innovative outreach and education strategies; and

44 WHEREAS, CEDO developed a grant proposal for HUD's Lead Hazard Control Grant  
45 Program that expanded the focus of the BLP into a broader "Healthy Housing" approach to  
46 address both lead and other health and safety hazards in the homes of low-income residents; and

47 WHEREAS, HUD recently awarded a grant of \$2,475,000 to the City of Burlington that  
48 includes \$100,000 for expanding into the areas of Healthy Housing; and

49 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington was one of only 22 jurisdictions from among 91  
50 applications submitted nationally to be selected for a funding award from HUD to continue and  
51 expand the scope of the Burlington Lead Program; and

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor  
53 Bob Kiss to execute a Grant and Cooperative Agreement and an Assistance Award/Amendment  
54 for \$2,475,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead  
55 Hazard Control Grant Program necessary to sustain and expand the focus of the Burlington Lead  
56 Program, subject to the prior review and approval of the City Attorney;

57 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes  
58 the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Grant to support the  
59 continuation and expansion of the Burlington Lead Program and hereby approves the amendment  
60 of the FY 2012 Budget.