



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2017-218: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Health and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Water Utility by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of funding full lead service line replacements in the city of Richmond.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: December 4, 2017

PETITIONER

Rosemary H. Green, Interim Director, Department of Public Utilities

LOCATION

City of Richmond

PURPOSE

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health and to appropriate the increase to the fiscal year 2017-2018 Water Utility budget for the purpose of funding full lead service line replacements in the City of Richmond.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The City of Richmond has a funded program to replace Lead Service Lines between the City's water main and the customer's meter. However, to provide the most health benefits for consumers, it has been established that lead service line replacements should be "complete" or "full" replacements. That is, lead service line replacements should be performed on both the upstream and the downstream sides of the meter. The grant funds will assist the City's Department of Public Utilities in the performance of this work.

In its effort to encourage the full replacement of lead services (from the main to the foundation), the Virginia Department of Health has authorized \$500,000 to be provided to the City to pay for an estimated 200 private property lead service lines in fiscal year 2018. DPU has sufficient funds to complete the portion of the lead service lines in public right-of-way. This grant will be used to pay for the lead service line replacements on private property and to pay for up to \$100,000 in Administrative fees to establish the necessary legal documents to allow the DPU to manage this program to include: selection of the approximately 200 properties where grant-funded lead service line replacements will be done; public outreach to advertise the program and public education related to mitigation of health impacts due to lead service lines.

The Department of Public Utilities recommends approval of this ordinance.

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