



# City of Kansas City, Missouri

## Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 240986

Submitted Department/Preparer: Please Select

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

### Executive Summary

Accepting a \$1,000,000 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. The purpose of this grant is to pilot an environmental justice initiative in the Ivanhoe Neighborhood through a collaborative effort by the Neighborhood Services Department, the Office of Environmental Quality, and the City Planning and Development Department.

### Discussion

The Kansas City Lead in Soils Mitigation Pilot Program will:

- Environmentally screen, assess, and mitigate lead in soils of vacant properties in the Ivanhoe neighborhood, using an action level of 200ppm for lead.
- Transfer mitigated properties for reuse as affordable housing, community gardens, safe children's play areas, or other identified public use.
- Initiate a Soil Lead Awareness Education and Outreach campaign in the Ivanhoe neighborhood that will help families understand the dangers of lead outside homes in play areas, gardens, and other exposed soils for children and pregnant mothers, and provide access to testing and remediation resources. This campaign will borrow resources and educational materials from Project Lead Safe Kansas City, building on their current methods of outreach with any neighborhood-specific needs.
- Create an Environmental Justice Advocate position at the City within Office of Environmental Quality. This position will work at an office at the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council and will focus on engaging the community through canvassing, monthly neighborhood meetings, and overall presence in the Ivanhoe neighborhood. With Ivanhoe residents, the EJ Advocate will develop a comprehensive plan, to be reviewed and approved by the EPA before implementation, to address the inequitable burdens and health risks associated with soil lead and other Environmental Justice concerns voiced by the community.
- Develop the protocols, plans, and templates that will allow for replication of the Kansas City Lead In Soils Mitigation Program in other underserved communities.

## Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget?  Yes  No
2. What is the funding source?  
25-2580-575215-G57EPA24
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?  
N/A - Federal funding
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.  
N.A - Federal funding.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?  
N/A - Federal funding.

### Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund.  Yes  No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance.  Yes  No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed.  Yes  No

### Additional Discussion (if needed)

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## Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?  
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
  - Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.

- Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
- Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.
- Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

## **Prior Legislation**

Resolution 200005 passed the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan and was adopted by City Council in August 2022.

## **Service Level Impacts**

Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to create a pilot program for lead remediation with the collaboration of multiple city departments.

## **Other Impacts**

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?  
Lead remediation on vacant lots with soil lead concentration is over 200 ppm, the development of an environmental justice advocacy program within the Ivanhoe Neighborhood.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?  
Through partnership with the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?  
This project will mitigate soil lead exposure leading to environmental and health benefits for all residents, including a decrease in the health risk associated with soil lead contamination on neighborhood vacant lots, an increase in the number of remediated vacant lots, improved community awareness of the dangers of soil lead for children and pregnant women, how to protect children from lead poisoning, and resources available to treat lead poisoning, and an increase in the number of home interiors that have

completed lead remediation through the Lead Safe KC Program, a HUD-funded program administered through the Kansas City Health Department.

In addition, this project will see the creation of an Environmental Justice Advocate position to engage directly with the community, empowering residents to become active participants in identifying and implementing EJ priorities, and develop an environmental justice masterplan for the Ivanhoe Neighborhood

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?  
No (Press tab after selecting)

Will help vacant lots to be usable for development of housing and green space.

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Will follow all applicable CREO and procurement requirements.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)