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April 26, 2006

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re: Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant Numbers

Dear Ms. Arrighi,

I wanted to thank you for joining us at the April 20, 2006 forum "Ivory Perry and the Struggle for a Lead Free St. Louis" and explaining aspects of lead poisoning policies of the City of St. Louis. It was good to hear that you are eager to share information concerning the City's lead programs.

In light of that offer, would you send me the numbers for all grants and all subsequent amendments that provide funding for lead programs of the City of St. Louis? Would you be able to send the information to me by a week from today?

If it will not be possible for you to send me the grant number information by Wednesday, May 3, 2006, please let me know right away when you will be able to provide it.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Don Fitz, Ph.D., for the
Gateway Green Alliance

Subj: **Re: Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant Numbers**
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Sent from the Internet

I am out of town on a family emergency until Monday, May 1, 2006.

We are preparing several new HUD grant applications that are due soon. Please be more specific about what "numbers" you are seeking. It would be preferable if this request could be postponed until after June 7, 2006 when our grant applications are due. As you and your organization recognize the amount of money needed to address these issues, I hope you understand how important it is for us to be able to focus on that HUD grant application pursuit right now. These applications are very detailed and extensive.

By the way, if you are truly interested in these issues, there are several HUD grants that your organization(s) could pursue. The HUD Operation Lead Elimination Action Project is available to not-for-profits and could provide up to \$2 million dollars for two years in the pursuit of eliminating childhood lead poisoning. City governments are not eligible. There is also a HUD Lead Outreach grant that is available.

Thank you,
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Dear Ms. Arrighi,

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September 19, 2006

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re: Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant Numbers

Dear Ms. Arrighi,

On April 26, 2006 I requested that you send me the numbers for all grants and all subsequent amendments that provide funding for lead programs of the City of St. Louis.

On April 27, you responded that you were busy and would send me the information in June.

It has now been five months since my request and I have not received any information from you.

I would like to repeat my request and also request copies of the grant applications and executed contracts for the federal grants.

I look forward to your assistance.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 2006

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re: Lead Poisoning Information

Dear Ms. Arrighi,

We request several items concerning lead poisoning prevention efforts by the City of St. Louis that we are unable to locate elsewhere. Would you please send us the following information by September 29, 2006?

1. Expenditures on lead poisoning prevention according to category of expense. Categories of expense should include (a) scraping, repainting and other interim controls such as HEPA vacuums, (b) window replacement and other abatement efforts, (c) placement of families in lead safe homes, and (d) other.
2. The total amount in each expense category according to zip code, ward, census tract, block and neighborhood.
3. The amount of grant money (by grant number) spent on each category of expense.
4. The number of homes certified as Lead Safe by month of the most recent inspection according to zip code, ward, census tract, block and neighborhood.
5. The source of referrals for homes which received lead abatement and/or interim controls, including...
 - (a) HUD Section 8 referral for lead inspection by the City of St. Louis,
 - (b) Lab report of elevated blood level (EBL) to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or the City Health Department,
 - (c) Day care inspection,
 - (d) Citizen Service Bureau,
 - (e) Housing Conservation District (change of occupancy),
 - (f) Hot line call to Lead Safe St. Louis, or
 - (g) other.
6. A list of all properties where two or more children have been poisoned and the date each child was diagnosed as having a level greater than 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.
7. A listing of homes that have been certified "Lead Safe" with the most recent date that each home was so certified.

Also, we are interested in knowing if all standard lead inspection forms specify the name of the inspector, the date of the inspector's most recent certification and the inspector's employer. Could you send a standard lead inspection form?

Sincerely,

Barbara Chicherio, Co-coordinator, Gateway Green Alliance

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September 19, 2006

Ms. Barbara Chicherio
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Dear Ms. Chicherio

I received your request for "lead poisoning information".

First, before the City can provide any documents that may be responsive to your request, it is essential that you provide a date parameter. The City's lead poisoning program has been in existence for quite some time and a time frame is necessary for an accurate response. Second, please be advised that any information you requested that may disclose, identify or discuss any information related to a child identified with an elevated blood lead level (EBL) is protected from disclosure by both Federal and Missouri law. Finally, the City does not keep its records in the manner and categories you described in your Request No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. Once you have provided the City with date parameters, and where requested below, clarification, documents that may exist will be made available for your review. If you desire copies of any these documents, you will be required to post a deposit and will be charged appropriate fees for staff time and copies.

Subject to this general paragraph, the City responds as:

Request No. 1

1. Expenditures on lead poisoning prevention according to category of expense. Categories of expense should include (a) scraping, repainting and other interim controls such as HEPA vacuums, (b) window replacement and other abatement efforts, (c) placement of families in lead safe homes, and (d) other.

The City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. The City does have records related to general expenditures on lead poisoning prevention; however these records are not kept in the categories you describe.

Request No. 2

2. The total amount in each expense category according to zip code, ward, census tract, block and neighborhood.

The City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. The City does not keep its records in the manner you describe; however, there is a

single report of detox and contractor projects for the time period of calendar years 2004-2005 by Ward that would be available for your review.

Request No. 3

3. The amount of grant money (by grant number) spent on each category of expense.

The City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. Additionally, the City has been the recipient of both Missouri State and Federal grants that were spent on lead poisoning prevention. Without identification of which grants you are interested in, the number of documents would be voluminous. Once the dates and the grants are identified, the City can provide reports made to those agencies concerning the expenditure of funds; however, those records are not kept in the categories you describe.

Request No. 4

4. The number of homes certified as Lead Safe by month of the most recent inspection according to zip code, ward, census tract, block and neighborhood.

The City is unclear on what records are being requested under No. 4 and this request needs to be clarified. In any event, the City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request.

Request No. 5

5. The source of referrals for homes which received lead abatement and/or interim controls, including* (a) HUD Section 8 referral for lead inspection by the City of St. Louis, (b) Lab report of elevated blood level (EBL) to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or the City Health Department, (c) Day care inspection, (d) Citizen Service Bureau, (e) Housing Conservation District (change of occupancy), (f) Hot line call to Lead Safe St. Louis, or (g) other.

5. Generally, the City is unclear on what records are being requested under No. 5 and, where indicated, this request needs to be clarified. Additionally, the City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. Finally, to the extent these requests seek any information protected by State or Federal law, these items cannot be provided. The City responds, to the extent it understands the request:

A. Subject to the paragraph above, once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of HUD Section 8 referrals for lead inspection by St. Louis County for certain time periods.

B. Subject to the paragraph above, the documents requested in this request contain medical and other information that would disclose, identify or discuss information related to a child identified with an elevated blood lead level (EBL); these documents

are protected from disclosure by Federal and Missouri law. Once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of reports of EBL to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or the City Health Department for certain time periods.

C. Subject to the paragraph above, once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of day care centers that were referred for inspection for certain time periods.

D. Subject to the paragraph above, once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of referrals to the Citizen Service Bureau for certain time periods.

E. Subject to the paragraph above, once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of referrals by the Housing Conservation District for certain time periods.

F. Subject to the paragraph above, once provided with a date restriction, the City can provide the number of referrals through the Hot Line calls to Lead Safe St. Louis for certain time periods.

G. The City is unclear on what documents are being requested in this paragraph and cannot respond; please revise the request.

Request No. 6

6. A list of all properties where two or more children have been poisoned and the date each child was diagnosed as having a level greater than 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.

The City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. Further, the documents requested in this request contain medical and other information that would disclose, identify or discuss information related to a child identified with an elevated blood lead level (EBL); these documents are protected from disclosure by Federal and Missouri law and cannot be provided.

Request No. 7

7. A listing of homes that have been certified "Lead Safe" with the most recent date that each home was so certified.

The City is unclear on what documents are being requested in this paragraph and cannot respond; please revise the request.

Request for lead inspection forms:

Also, we are interested in knowing if all standard lead inspection forms specify the name of the inspector, the date of the inspector's most recent certification and the inspector's employer. Could you send a standard lead inspection form?

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The City is unable to identify documents without date restrictions on the request. However, the current lead inspection forms contain the name of the City lead inspector who performs the inspection. The City's lead inspectors must be certified by the state before they do lead inspections. The City will provide a blank lead inspection form per your request.

Sincerely,

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October 27, 2006

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re: Lead Poisoning Information

Dear Ms. Arrighi,

Thank you for your September 19 response to our request for information concerning lead poisoning prevention efforts by the City of St. Louis. While we appreciate your efforts, it has been over a month since our request and we have not received any information. We also have the following concerns:

1. You stated that "before the City can provide any documents it is essential that you provide a date parameter." We would like information for 2005 and, if it is available, for 2004. Our concern is that you could have provided us with the most recent information available and the insistence on a "date parameter" appears to be a run-around.
2. You stated that "the City does not keep its records in the manner" we requested and that we "will be charged appropriate fees for staff time and copies." The fact that the City does not keep records in a way to answer clear, concise questions indicates that the City should change the way it keeps records. We request that you post the information on your web site so that it is available to anyone who wishes to examine it without being threatened with charges.
3. It is distressing that you did not provide us with information on grant money and instead insisted that we identify the grants of interest. As you are well aware, Don Fitz has made multiple requests since April 2006 for grant information which you have not answered. After six months of refusal to even provide grant numbers it does not appear honest for you to state that you cannot provide grant information unless we specify the grants which you refuse to describe. We again request that you provide the grant information requested.
4. It is highly distressing when the Director of Lead Safe St. Louis indicates that she does not know what a "lead safe home" is. In response to our request that you provide information on "the number of homes certified as lead safe by month of the most recent inspection," you responded that "The City is unclear on what records are being requested." When we asked for a listing of lead safe homes, you repeated that you found the question "unclear."

For clarification of what constitutes a lead safe home, we refer you to the document prepared by your staff, "Lead Safe St. Louis Annual Report, October 6, 2006." On p. 4, the document refers to "Lead Safe Kids and Homes Week." On p. 7, the document refers twice to the "Lead Safe Housing Registry." If you are unclear concerning what is meant by a "lead safe home," please use the same definition as your staff used in preparing the report.

I look forward to receiving notification from you that Lead Safe St. Louis has become financially transparent by posting all requested information on its web site.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chicherio, Co-coordinator, Gateway Green Alliance



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September 25, 2006

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re: Lead Poisoning Information

Dear Ms. Arrighi,

I am writing on behalf of Missouri Forest Alliance requesting that the City of St. Louis provide certain information regarding its lead removal work. While our organization is focused primarily on forest related issues, we have a keen understanding of and concern for the role of lead in our environment, and have a number of members and supporters living in the City of St. Louis.

I understand that you and your staff face many considerable hurdles, logistical, financial, and bureaucratic, in dealing with lead contamination. In fact, I personally spent considerable time in graduate school researching the problem for both my own interests and briefly for the City of St. Louis through Washington University.

However, I do also understand the role of an active community in pushing for results and accountability where it is desperately needed. I am sure that if the city cooperates in providing the requested information to concerned parties, and that if this information shows that the City of St. Louis has been working effectively and efficiently, then the concerned parties will give credit where it is due. But without transparency and cooperation there is no faith that the City is doing all that can be done to protect the children of St. Louis from the poison in their homes.

Missouri Forest Alliance stands with the Gateway Green Alliance, Health and Environmental Justice, and the many affected families in the City of St. Louis in requesting that the following information be provided by October 3rd, 2006:

1. Expenditures on lead poisoning prevention according to category of expense. Categories of expense should include (a) scraping, repainting and other interim controls such as HEPA vacuums, (b) window replacement and other abatement efforts, (c) placement of families in lead safe homes, and (d) other.
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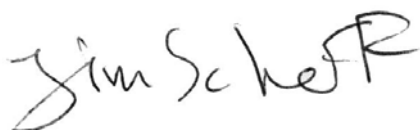
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Also, we are interested in knowing if all standard lead inspection forms specify the name of the inspector, the date of the inspector's most recent certification and the inspector's employer. Could you send us a standard lead inspection form?

Please send any correspondence either electronically or by postal mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Scheff". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jim Scheff
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Subj: **Re: Lead Poisoning Information**
Date: 10/17/2006 1:50:25 PM Central Standard Time
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Ms. Arrighi,

I sent the following email to you several weeks ago and am still awaiting a reply. I think that what I have asked in the below email is a reasonable question. If you cannot answer why my initial email request for information, and the attached pdf, were not sufficient for you or your office to review, then please send me the contact information for someone who can answer this question.

Thank you,
Jim Scheff Missouri Forest Alliance

Jim Scheff <shagbark12@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Ms. Arrighi,

Sorry, but I'm a little confused. I emailed you a concise letter in the body of the email I sent, and attached a pdf of the letter on letterhead. The letter was sent to you electronically and in a standard format on letterhead, but I am now told that I have to send the letter to you to be evaluated? Perhaps you do not intend this as a run-around, but if this is what other individuals and organizations have been dealing with in trying to get information lead clean-up from your office then it's quite clear why people are so frustrated.

Please clarify why what I have already sent is not adequate.

Thank you,
Jim Scheff Missouri Forest Alliance

Jeanine Arrighi <ArrighiJ@stlouiscity.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Scheff:

Please send your written request to the following address:

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so that it can be properly evaluated.

Thank you,

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October 16, 2006

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**Re: Request for Records
Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Dear Mr. Scheff:

This is a response to your e-mail correspondence to Ms. Jeanine Arrighi wherein you seek numerous documents of the City of St. Louis Health Department relating to its lead poisoning prevention efforts.

Be advised that I am in contact with the Health Department to locate records responsive to your request. If public records are identified, I will first review any such documents to determine whether they are subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and whether they contain any otherwise legally protected information. Once that task is accomplished, but no later than fifteen (15) business days, you will be notified and the records will be made available for inspection at either the department currently possessing said records or the Office of the City Counselor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosányi, II
Assistant City Counselor

cc: Patty Koller
Jeanine Arrighi