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that was raised, Senator Tyson, was concerned that why wasn't the city of Omaha funding this if it's such an important program, and I did check with the city and the city has provided \$100,000 in some funding. They also provided an additional \$230,000 of some in-kind match funds, and they have provided approximately \$200,000 in other community funds and they were also able to leverage another \$100,000 of other funds. So they have put together close to double what we are appropriating here of these state funds for this program. And, again, the program does deal with identification of children who have high blood lead levels, those elevated levels of lead in their blood, and then gets treatment for those children. That's the very first and foremost thing. After that, they deal with the lead-based paint in the homes and do the remediation there, but the first priority is and has been and will continue to be the children. This amount of money will be transferred to the city in the same process that DEQ currently uses to deal with the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund, so that just as they issue the grant to do the remediation there they would issue this grant and it would go to aid the city in this process. If there are any other questions, I would be happy to answer those. Again, this is a nine month kind of stopgap measure between the grant funding cycles. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on AM1323, which is an amendment to LB 367. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Preister, there are no lights on. Senator Preister waives the opportunity to close on the amendment. The question before the body is adoption of AM1323 to LB 367. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before the body is adoption of the Preister amendment, AM1323. Voting on adoption of AM1323, offered by Senator Preister and others. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of Senator Preister's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment was adopted. Mr. Clerk.