

Housing, Community Development & Public Health Policy Meeting

Title: Housing Community Development & Public Health Policy Meeting

Departments: Scott Center for Observation Treatment and Transition (S.C.O.T.T.) & Lead Grant

Date + Time: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Attendees: Dr. Jones, Theresa Gadus, Erin Kramer

Location: Chambers

Presenters:

Dr. Scott, Scott Center for Observation Treatment and Transition (S.C.O.T.T.)

Deputy Director Ali, Housing **Jerry an**

Topic Discussed

Discuss the outcomes of the recent budget reduction exercise and evaluate the feasibility of implementing a 5% cut in the 2026 fiscal year budgets for the City's Public Safety offices of Police and Fire & Rescue.

Sickle Cell Awareness

Dr. Scott

In March 1990, it became mandated to check every baby at birth for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). SCD is an inherited red blood cell disorder affecting the hemoglobin. A person is born with it when they receive two abnormal genes, one from each parent. Dr. Scott sees approximately 300 babies born with the SCD trait and 10-15 born with the disease per year.

The effects of SCD include cells that become rigid, sticky and half moon in shape. A person has blocked blood vessels, extreme pain episodes, severe anemia and organ damage.

SCD is known to affect persons of African ancestry at a higher rate, other ethnicities also can be affected and is one of the most commonly inherited disease worldwide.

SCD can be cured with a bone marrow transplant, but not every patient qualifies for gene therapy. As with any disease, it comes with a serious risk.

Lead Grant

Deputy Director Ali

The Lead Grant was a highly competitive grant and we are very blessed to receive it.

Lead negatively affects children under the age of 6 years giving health problems and neurological issues.

This grant can make a difference in 141 homes over four years.

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\$55,000 of the grant will be used for marketing to bring awareness to Lead. There are 41 high risk census tracts in Toledo that will be targeted with marketing such as billboards, health fairs, and brochures.

Direct costs include: replacement of the lead affected items, whether doors, windows, etc.; relocation of the tenants while the lead is being removed; all contractors must be Lead Certified which includes training and recertification every two years.

Health Department provides referrals confirming lead is present. Also, an online portal will be built to allow for people to register for the grant.