HB854 Statewide Housing Study

Program Fact Sheet

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Department of Housing and Community Development

Note: This fact sheet was created in October 2021. Program details can change regularly. For the most up-to-date information on this program and a program contact, please visit the link below:

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01 Program goals

The Lead Hazard Reduction program (LHR) is the statewide resource for income-eligible families to address the lead-based paint hazards in their homes. It is a grant program that operates with no charge to participating homeowners, tenants, and landlords. All lead-based paint hazards will be addressed through a combination of interim controls and abatement. Priority service is given to children with elevated blood lead levels.

02 Funding sources

The \$5.6 million program is federally funded through the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. Of the allocation, \$600,000 is Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding, to be utilized to reduce health hazards in homes that are already beneficiaries of the program.

03 Governance

The program funds are available statewide and operate as a performance pool. Qualified nonprofit organizations, local governments, authorities, and planning commissions are all eligible to offer the program.

04 Population served

All households:

- Pre-1978 single family and multifamily housing (Homes must test positive for lead paint by an XRF analyzer.)
- Households at or below 80% area median income (AMI)
- Priority for children under 6 years of age with elevated blood lead levels

Owner-occupied housing:

- Families with children under 6 years of age, or with a child of this age, that visits the home regularly
- Pregnant women

Renter-occupied housing:

Rental priority given to families with children 6 years of age and younger for 3 years after work completion.

05 How program works

The local program provider will administer the program from initial client intake to coordinating the lead-based paint remediation work on the home. All eligible homes will receive a full lead inspection and risk assessment to determine the location and condition of the lead-based paint. All lead-based paint hazards will be addressed through a combination of interim controls and abatement. Families may need to be temporarily relocated (for up to 10 days) while the remediation work is completed. All homes must pass clearance at the end of the project.

06 Program history

The grant was awarded in 2019 and the program began in 2020.

07 Program data

- LHR is a relatively new program and there is limited data available currently. Grantees have elected which territories they are willing to serve. First jobs are in progress now, while some grantees have not completed a job yet either, but they have applied and been accepted as an official provider. There is overlap in service territories among grantees.
- LHR operates as a performance pool so the total amount funded depends on performance, thus there is no data on funding yet.