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Lead Safe Ohio Program County Allocation for Lead Mitigation and Prevention

Notice of Funding Availability

Purpose

The Ohio Department of Development (Development) has made funding available through American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for special projects to conduct lead remediation services, including window and door replacement in residential properties, congregate care settings, and childcare facilities constructed before 1978.

Eligibility Requirements

Lead Safe Ohio Program funds will be available in all 88 counties for projects which are unique in the scope of work and do not fit in the other Lead Safe Ohio Program guidelines. Funds will be awarded for activity costs, including:

- Window and door program utilizing lead renovation, repair, and painting (RRP) contractors for pre-1978 homes and multi-family units.
- Lead abatement program for pre-1978 homes and multi-family units.
- Congregate shelters.
- Childcare facilities.
- Lead cleaning program.
- Exterior and interior waterline and plumbing fixture replacement.
- Example of renovations: Residential properties including single and multi-family properties, congregate shelters and public, private, or church-provided childcare facilities would all be eligible for but not limited to waterline replacement, window and door replacement, siding enclosure, soffit enclosure, fascia enclosure, porch component repair, replacement, or enclosure, and auxiliary items necessary for lead mitigation and prevention.

Residential assistance shall be prioritized to households at or below 80% area median income (AMI); however, households over 80% AMI shall qualify by detailing housing insecurity and verifying the property's value does not exceed the prescribed limit.

Policies and procedures instructions for implementing the program and application materials are posted at <u>https://development.ohio.gov/LeadSafeOhio</u>.

Grant Timelines

The grant period for Lead Safe Ohio Program funds will be until Apr. 30, 2026, and all work must be completed by Feb. 28, 2026.

Grant awards are anticipated as early as Sept. 1, 2024. Due to the short implementation timeline of SLFRF, the amount of grant funds available for special projects will not be released until after the June 2024 obligation deadline. Therefore, it is imperative applicants start identifying projects and communicating with your program representative prior to the special project grant start date.

Applications

Funds will be awarded based on proven capacity to administer programs in the required timeline. Development will notify all applicants of results once the review process is complete. Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Contact Lead Safe Ohio at LeadSafeOhio@development.ohio.gov.

Questions

Information and registration will be posted at <u>https://development.ohio.gov/LeadSafeOhio</u>. Questions regarding the Lead Safe Ohio Program should be directed to the Office of Community Enhancements at <u>LeadSafeOhio@development.ohio.gov</u>