DCA Resources for Lead Remediation/Lead Abatement

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Lead Remediation and Abatement Program

- New Jersey In the SFY23 budget, the Murphy-Oliver Administration made an unprecedented commitment of \$180 million to address the ongoing threat of childhood lead poisoning.
- These funds will be used to fund community-based organizations and units of local government to conduct lead-safe repairs and energy efficiency improvements in residential units.
- Through recruitment of trusted organizations from underserved and disproportionately impacted communities to participate in the NJ Lead Training Institute and seed capital pool, this funding will create new capacity in an equitable way to invest in the improvement of health and remediation and abatement of lead hazards in affordable housing across the state.



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• OLP = Office of Lead Prevention

- Lead Assistance Programs
 - Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (Funded by Federal SFRF dollars) \$180 Million
 - ✤ 58 Grantees
 - 2 Undergoing Training

Summary of Program:

- Remediating or abating lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 homes
- Lead remediation/abatement measures includes window / door replacements, wet scrape and painting, encapsulation, etc.







Examples of Allowable Measures

Some Examples of Allowable Lead Hazard Reduction Measures

- Window Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Door Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Baseboard Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Stair tread Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Handrail Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Closet Component Replacement / Scrape and Repaint
- Wall repair / Encapsulation
- Minor Roof / Plumbing Leak Repair (if protecting other LHR work)
- Temporary Relocation of occupants (if applicable) for maximum of 15 days



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Allowable Cost Per Unit (ACPU)

- Up to \$13,000 per unit for remediation cases
- Up to \$25,000 per unit for lead abatement cases (when NJDOH issues a Notice of Violation, responsive to a child with an elevated blood lead level)

• Basic Eligibility Criteria

- Property was built prior to 1978
- Household occupants are low to moderate income (80% of area median income)



Info for Landlords- Lead-Paint Inspection Law

- P.L. 2021 c 182 (NJAC 5:28A) "Lead-Based Paint Inspection Law in Rental Dwelling Units" require units to be lead-safe for renter turnover.
- Landlords will need to ensure units are lead-safe prior to renting to new tenants.



• NJDCA's LRAP program can help!

Online Application Portal

- Landlord and Tenant Applicants are encouraged to apply through the newly created online portal.
- Extremely user friendly and documents are uploaded directly into the portal
- Visit LeadAbatement.NJ.Gov for more info!



Eligibility from Other Programs

- LRAP Program utilizes eligibility from other DCA income tested programs (Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, LIHEAP, USF, Weatherization)
- Other Automatic Categorical Eligibility Programs are SSI, TANF, SNAP, Adoption Subsidies.



Building Contractor Capacity

- DCA has partnered with ISLES Inc. to provide training to contractors to build capacity.
- Classes such as the EPA Renovate Repair and Painting (RRP) will be provided at no cost to the contractors.
- Training will commence soon.
- Interested Contractors should email <u>LRAPContractors@dca.nj.gov</u>



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