

Grant Abstract
City of Milwaukee Health Department
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
2013 HUD Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant

This HUD grant proposal, submitted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP), requests \$2,500,000 to support safe healthy housing in Milwaukee over a 36-month performance period. This proposal incorporates a research based lead-safe housing standard and healthy homes concepts to maximize the number of: 1) children protected from lead poisoning, 2) housing units with lead hazards controlled and 3) assessment of Healthy Home principles when working on lead hazard reduction. In addition, the proposal strategy targets; the most at-risk children through prioritizing resources within the MHD Primary Prevention Lead Program Target Area to build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead hazards, affirmatively furthers fair housing and environmental justice, and refines a strategy for the eradication of childhood lead poisoning while incorporating Healthy Home principles.

Through grant funding and matching contributions from property owners and rental property owners, this project will conduct lead hazard reduction and a Healthy Home assessment in 375 units; 125 housing units will be made lead-safe annually with an additional 750 children receiving lead testing services in their homes. This proposal will support 2 FTE Lead Risk Assessors, a Program Manager at 25% and a grant manager at 75%.

Although significant progress has been made in the fight against childhood lead poisoning in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee's 2011 prevalence rate of 3.3% continues to exceed the State of Wisconsin's overall rate of 1.7%. Milwaukee's children continued to be poisoned and exposed to environmental hazards.

This grant proposal will continue successful lead hazard control activities and include an evaluation of significant health and safety hazards utilizing the Healthy Homes Rating System which examines 29 factors that put a home environment at risk. In addition to lead hazard assessment and subsidies for replacement windows when identified, inspectors will conduct a healthy homes assessment and provide information to property owners in addition to distribution of smoke alarms, assessments of trip/fall hazards, assessment of household pests with the implementation of integrated pest management as needed.

Community partners will be offered training and will provide education, outreach, conduct interim controls and catalyze services to create lead-safe and healthy housing in the Target Area.

The MHD CLPPP has a solid infrastructure of certified and approved lead abatement contractors. A majority of these contractors are Section 3 businesses. This proposal will assist the MHD CLPPP in promoting and maintaining these small minority-owned firms by supporting employment and economic lift opportunities.

Finally, the MHD CLPPP is a current HUD grantee effectively administering a LHRD-10 which is in GREEN status.