

NAHMA HUD Update: New Lead-Safe Homes, Lead-Free Kids Toolkit

Dear NAHMA Member,

Today, HUD announced that it is awarding more than \$46.5 million in Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants to 15 local and state government agencies, and also announced the launch of its new Lead-Safe Homes, Lead-Free Kids Toolkit.

This comprehensive toolkit is intended to build upon HUD's commitment to safe, affordable housing with both immediate actions and a long-term vision to address lead in homes both through immediate changes to HUD programs and legislative proposals to ensure all HUD housing is lead-safe. Specifically, HUD's toolkit aims to:

- Strengthen regulatory framework and monitoring by proposing revisions to HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule, which, when issued, will align the child blood lead level requiring response with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) recommended level;
- Identify and address known lead hazards through increased monitoring, improved local reporting and guidance by increasing monitoring and enforcement of the Lead Safe Housing Rule and the Lead Disclosure Rule, as well as clarifying HUD guidance about these rules to Public Housing Agencies, owners of HUD-assisted housing, and HUD grantees;
- Work with Administration partners to encourage an interagency focus on addressing lead hazard prevention for both paint and other sources; and
- Provide education and targeted outreach to increase awareness of lead by HUD families, housing providers, local governments, and other key stakeholders, and work with health departments to make available blood lead level testing to all children under age six in HUD-assisted homes.

Conduct research to identify best practices and determine where best to target federal resources by studying the effectiveness of HUD grantees' use of formula grants to address lead issues.

The more than \$46.5 million in Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants will be used to protect children and families from the hazards of lead-based paint and from other home health and safety hazards; HUD anticipates that the grant funding will reduce lead-based paint hazards in more than 3,100 low-income homes.

More information on the Lead-Safe Homes, Lead-Free Kids Toolkit and the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants can be found in the following [press release](#)

The Lead-Safe Homes, Lead-Free Toolkit may also be found on the NAHMA website [here](#)

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