

A Guide to Funding Programs for Lead Based Paint Removal

How to Navigate the Funding Process

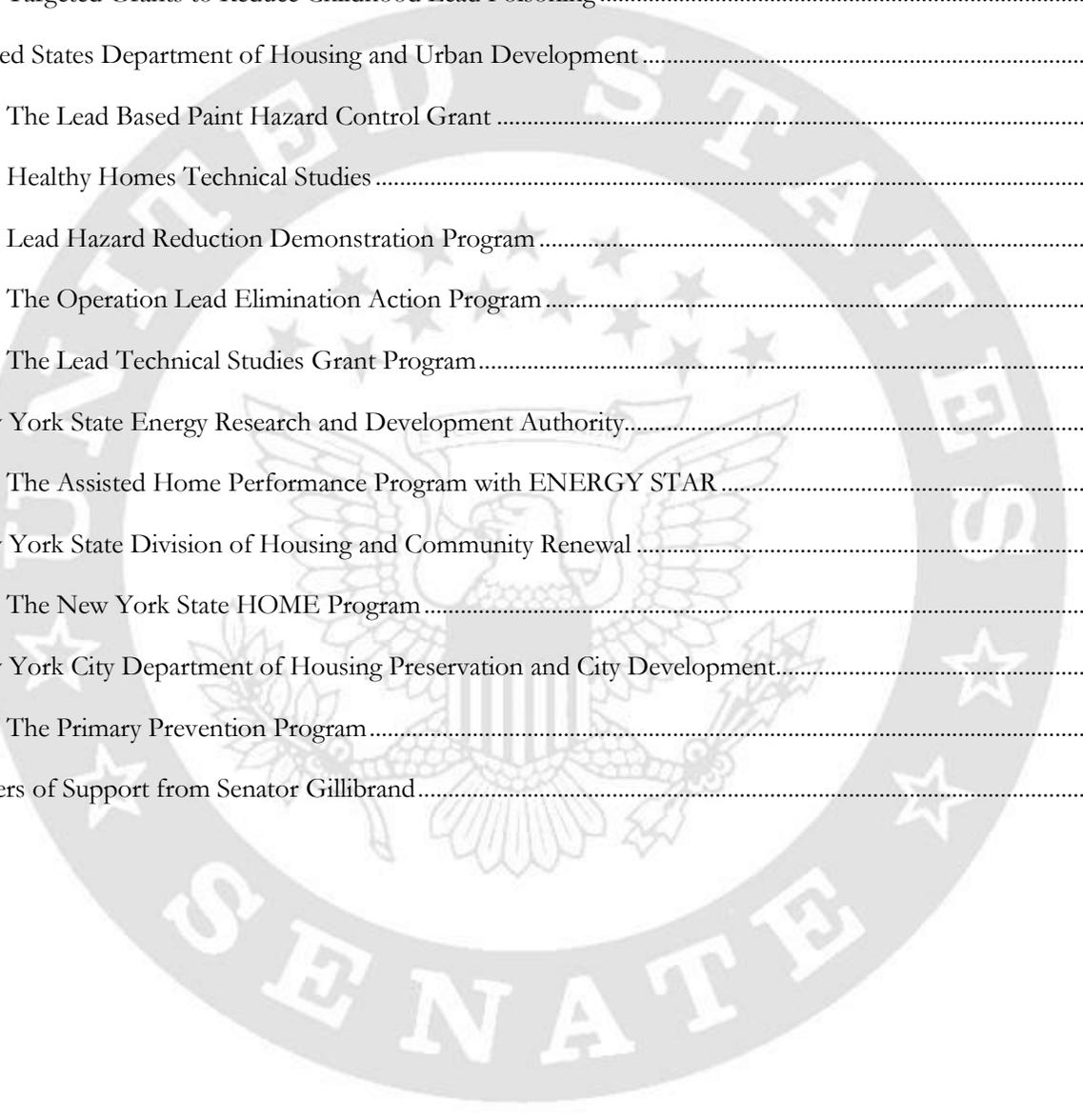
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Introduction

Dear Fellow New Yorker:

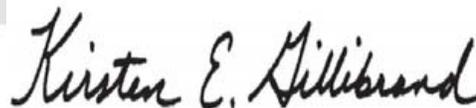
I want to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information regarding the funding opportunities pertaining to lead-based paint removal. Each year the federal government distributes grant and loan money to institutions throughout the United States. Additionally, New York State offers a great deal of grants, and New York's non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, colleges, universities, and local governments are exceptionally well qualified to compete for these funds. The information in this packet is meant to provide assistance to those New York institutions seeking federal, state, and city funds.

Most homes built prior to 1970 have lead-based paint that can be found on its exterior and interior and can be harmful to the home owners. Furthermore, the dust and paint chips discarded from the areas of an older home can be especially hazardous to children under the age of six. I urge you to take advantage of these funding opportunities that have been outlined in three sections of this guidebook.

Finding the resources that meet your needs in this complex web of agencies can be an impossible task. For this reason, I have created this guidebook to serve as a starting point in providing information about what resources are available to individuals, businesses, community organizations and local governments. Its contents will be updated periodically as more details become available.

My Senate website (www.gillibrand.senate.gov) is continually updated with critical information about new programs available to you, how to access these programs, and where to apply. If you require assistance accessing a specific program, please contact any of the numbers provided in this packet, or my New York City office at (212) 688-7444. As you move forward with any grant opportunities, please contact Andrew Usyk, my Grants Director, for letters of support, when applicable. You can reach him in my Washington, D.C. Office at Grants@Gillibrand.Senate.gov, or (202)-224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator

Federal Section I

Environmental Protection Agency

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment -- air, water and land -- upon which life depends. The EPA is divided into 10 regions that span from coast to coast in the United States. These regions are essential to the Agency's success considering each part of the country has a specific environmental aspect that is necessary to preserving.

Although the EPA is divided throughout our country, the span of its funding opportunities reaches across each state. The EPA has created grants that apply to a number of issues to meet the needs of each of its applicants.

1) Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning

- EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible entities to conduct activities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in vulnerable populations, projects will address develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention, especially tools that are replicable and scalable for other areas.

Additional Information:

- Activities may include training medical professionals, developing culturally-specific lead outreach materials, distributing pamphlets, establishing an in-home education program to visit the homes of young children, promoting lead-safe work practices, and outreach to stakeholders (renovators, landlords, code enforcement officials, etc.) on the requirements of the EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting rule and pre-renovation education requirements in high-risk areas.

Eligibility:

- State governments, U.S. territories or possessions, federally recognized Indian tribal governments and Native American Organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions, local governments and individuals and international entities.

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Federal Section II

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.

Through HUD's mission, they have developed funding opportunities to meet the needs of applicants that are dedicated to developing their own community and improve the standard of living.

1) The Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant

- The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program assists urban jurisdictions with the greatest lead-based paint hazard control needs, in undertaking programs for the identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental and owner-occupied housing units.

Additional Information:

- The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant program is the largest program in terms of dollar amount and number of grants.

Eligibility:

- State, county, city, township, special district and Native American governments are all eligible to apply for funding.

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2) Healthy Homes Technical Studies

- HUD is funding studies to improve HUD's and the public's knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards, and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on key residential health and safety hazards. The overall purpose of

the Healthy Homes Technical Studies program is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of housing-related health and safety hazards.

Eligibility:

- Academic, not-for-profit and for-profit institutions located in the U.S., state and units of general local government, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to apply.

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3) Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program

- The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LHC) and the Lead Hazard Reduction (LHRD) grant programs is to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants.

Additional Information:

- Assists States, Native American Tribes and local governments with high numbers of rental units built in 1940 or earlier in creating wide-ranging programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing. Each year the OHHLHC awards roughly 12 grants of up to \$4M per grant.

Eligibility:

- States, Native American Tribes and local governments.

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4) The Operation Lead Elimination Action Program

- The overall program objective is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for the evaluation and control of housing-related health and safety hazards. The program, part of HUD's Healthy Homes Initiative, is particularly focused on children's health.

Additional Information:

- The fund will help create wide-ranging programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing by leveraging private sector funding. Applicants are not required to provide a match to participate, but receive higher points during review based on the amount of leveraged funds dedicated to the applicant's proposal.
- The Healthy Home Technical Studies (HHTS) program is a competitive grant program that is announced annually through HUD's SuperNOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) publication in the Federal Register.

Eligibility:

- Academic and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., state and units of local general government, federally recognized Native American tribes, and for-profit organizations.

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5) The Lead Technical Studies Grant Program

- The program allows grantees to conduct research to gain knowledge on improving the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of residential lead-based paint hazards. Applicants are not required to provide a match to participate.

Eligibility:

- Private sector, non-profit and for-profit organizations.

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State Section I

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is a public benefit corporation created in 1975 under Article 8, Title 9 of the State Public Authorities Law through the reconstitution of the New York State Atomic and Space Development Authority. NYSEDA's earliest efforts focused solely on research and development with the goal of reducing the State's petroleum consumption. Today, NYSEDA's aim is to help New York meet its energy goals: reducing energy consumption, promoting the use of renewable energy sources, and protecting the environment.

NYSERDA seeks to develop a diversified energy supply portfolio, improve market mechanisms, and facilitate the introduction and adoption of advanced technologies that will help New Yorkers plan for and respond to uncertainties in the energy markets. These plans can be advanced through the funding opportunities offered by NYSEDA.

1) The Assisted Home Performance Program with ENERGY STAR

- Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR offers two incentives for eligible New York home owners. The first is a subsidy for up to 60% of the total cost of the approved efficiency improvements in a one to four family home. The second incentive offers low interest rate financing for the balance of the cost of the efficiency improvements through selected Lenders.

Additional Information:

- In homes built later than 1960, high levels of lead based paint can be found in and around the windows. By removing your old windows, you will not only be removing a high lead content from your home but improving the energy efficiency with windows that are better sealed.

Eligibility:

- One to four family homes that have household incomes at or below 80% of the State Median or Area Median Income.

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State Section II

New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal

The Division of Housing and Community Renewal is responsible for the supervision, maintenance and development of affordable low- and moderate-income housing in New York State. The Division performs a number of activities in fulfillment of this mission, including community development, housing operations, rent administration, and policy development.

To sustain development in New York State communities, the Division of Community Renewal has introduced a series of funding opportunity. These funds promote the possibilities and opportunities to beautify and better a region through housing, business, and neighborhood revitalization.

1) The New York State HOME Program

Administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), the program uses federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing within the State. Approximately \$33 million is available for capital (multifamily) projects and local program administrators (single family projects) in 2008.

Additional Information:

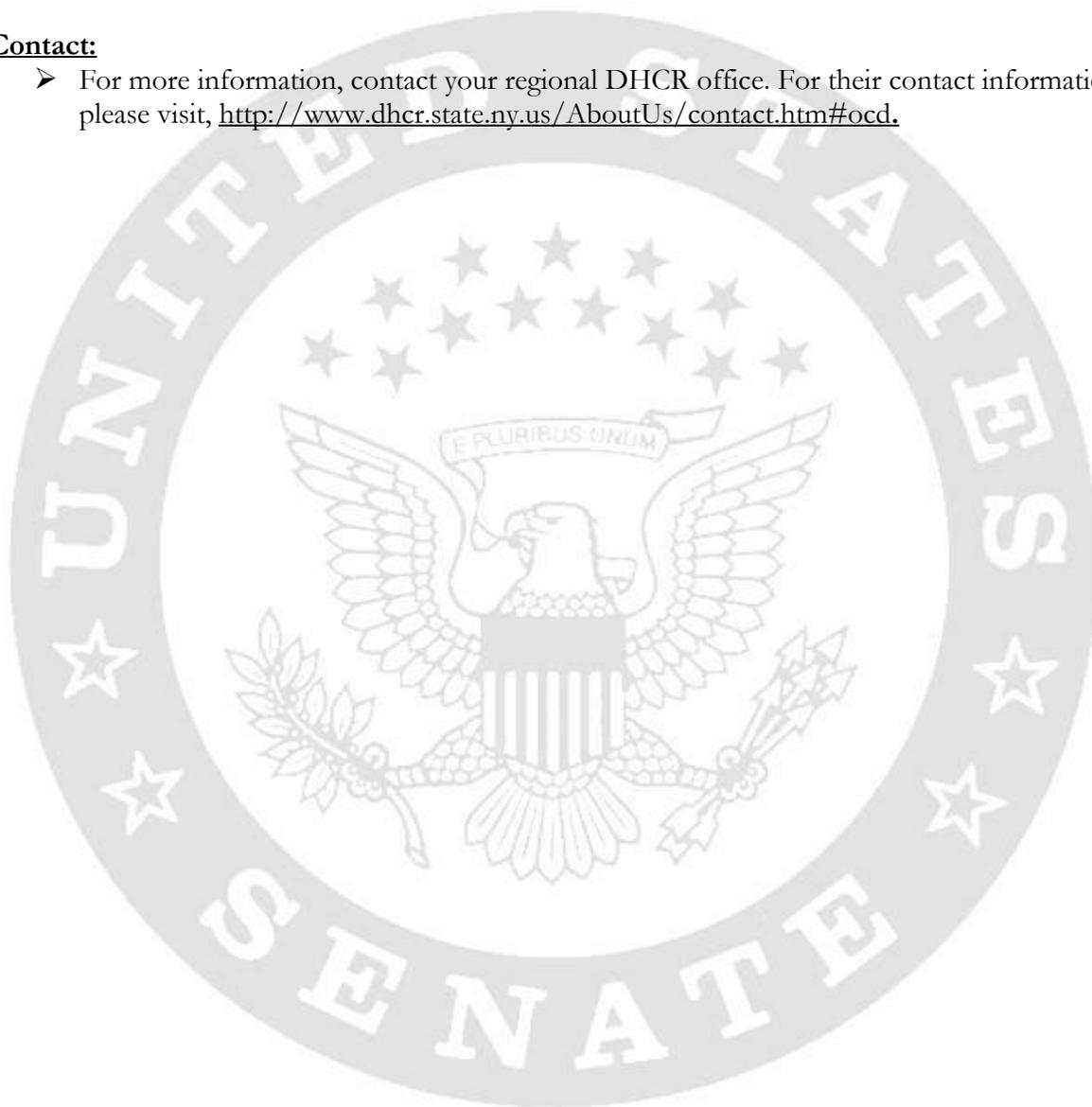
- The HOME Program funds a variety of activities through partnerships with counties, towns, cities, villages, private developers, and community-based non-profit housing organizations. The program provides funds to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct housing, or to provide assistance to low-income home-buyers and renters.
- Rehabilitation standards include:
 - Soil Treatments for Lead Hazards
 - Exterior Lead Hazards:
 - Lead-containing Components
 - Interior Walls and Ceilings
 - Hazardous Materials.
- HOME Program funds may only be used to assist households with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median income. Rental projects must primarily serve households with incomes at or below 60 percent of area median income. Assisted rental units must remain affordable for a period of between five and 20 years, depending on the initial amount of subsidy provided for the project.

Eligibility:

- Any private for-profit or not-for-profit entity that can demonstrate the capacity to develop and operate a qualifying project is eligible to apply for HOME project funding. Units of general local government that have not been designated by HUD as participating jurisdictions and not-for-profit corporations that meet certain administrative tests may also apply as local program administrators. Jurisdictions which receive HOME program funding directly from the federal government may not apply for New York State HOME Program funds.

Contact:

- For more information, contact your regional DHCR office. For their contact information please visit, <http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/AboutUs/contact.htm#ocd>.



City Section I

New York City Department of Housing Preservation and City Development

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) is the largest municipal developer of affordable housing in the nation. Since 1987, HPD has provided over \$8.7 billion to support the repair, rehabilitation and new construction of hundreds of thousands of units of housing. This administration's housing agenda, The New Housing Marketplace: Creating Housing for the Next Generation is the largest investment in the City's housing stock in 20 years.

1) The Primary Prevention Program

- The Program gives owners the means to make their buildings lead-safe through low-level interim treatment work. Treatment concentrates on friction surfaces - door jams, window sills and wells, and cabinets - because friction creates lead dust. The common areas and fire escapes are also treated. Buildings owners apply for forgivable loans valued at \$9,000 to \$10,000 per apartment, the average cost of lead treatment work. Some units may receive up to \$10,000 to \$11,000 in conjunction with other moderate rehabilitation work. Owners, in turn, hire contractors who are trained in EPA certified courses in lead treatment. HPD inspects the work.

Additional Information:

- Preferred Funding Locations: West Queens and Jamaica, Queens, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, East New York, East Flatbush-Flatbush and Bushwick in Brooklyn; and Central/West Bronx. However, City funds will support buildings Citywide.
- The loan amount is secured by a mortgage on the property which evaporates after three years, provided the owner is in full compliance with the terms of the loan.

Eligibility:

- Families with children under six years of age, including pregnant mothers and families who provide day care services to children less than six years of age for at least six hours a week, are ideal for participation in the grant program. Additionally, the building must have been built before 1960, and 80% of the tenants must be at low-income thresholds.

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Letters of Support from Senator Gillibrand

While Senator Gillibrand does NOT decide which organizations are awarded grants, there are instances in which it is appropriate for the Senator Gillibrand to write a letter of support for an application. If you wish to request a letter of support for your application, you must supply Senator Gillibrand with the following:

1. A description of your organization,
2. Summary of the application,
3. a description of what the money will be used for, and
4. a draft letter of support

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