

# A Guide to Funding Programs for Lead Based Paint Removal

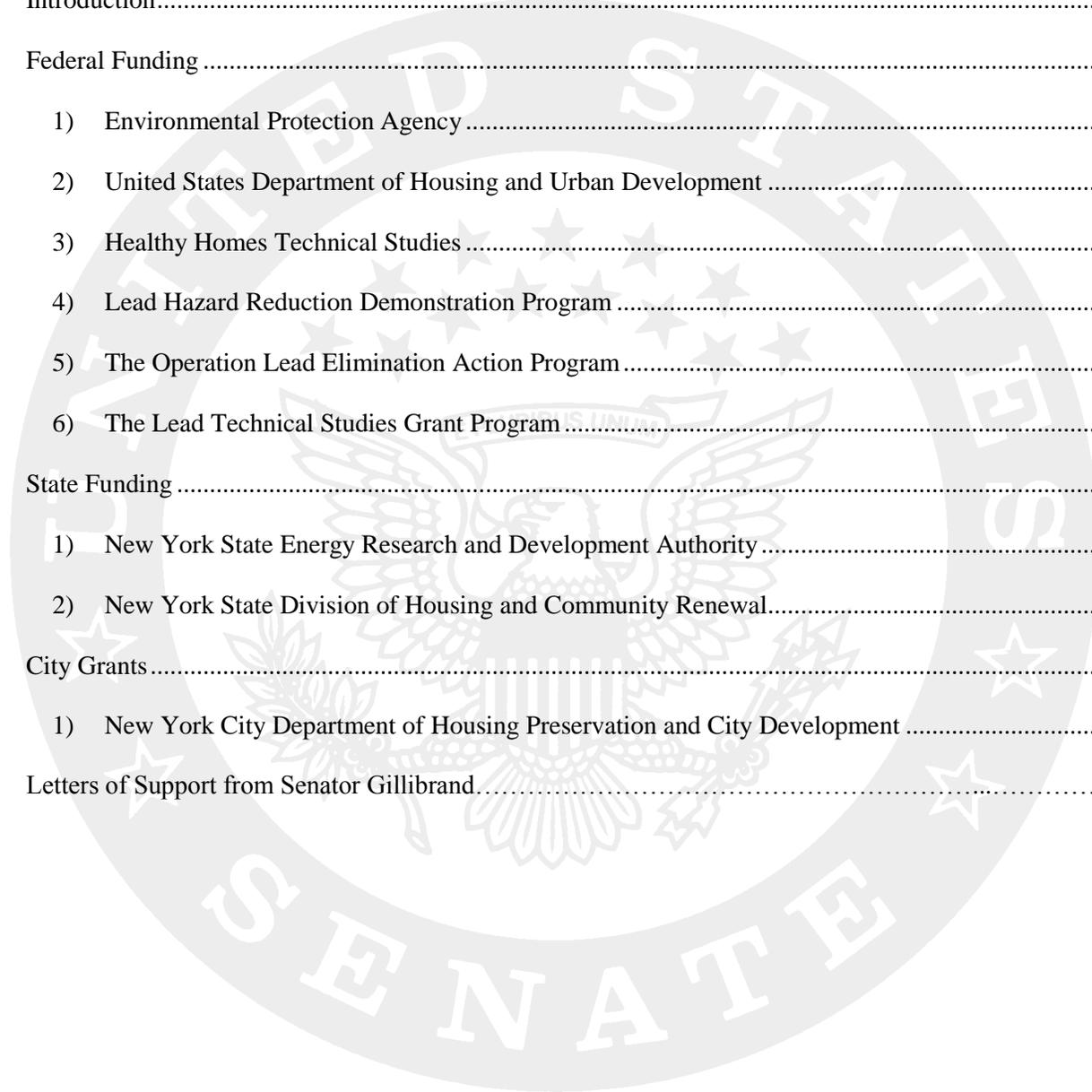
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## Introduction

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](http://www.Gillibrand.senate.gov)) is continually updated with critical information about various funding opportunities that are available to you, how to access them, and where to apply.

As you move forward with any grant opportunities, please contact Jon Cardinal, my Grants Director, for letters of support, when applicable. You can reach him in my Washington, D.C. Office at [Grants@Gillibrand.Senate.gov](mailto:Grants@Gillibrand.Senate.gov), or (202)-224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand

## Section I

### Federal Funding

#### 1) Environmental Protection Agency

- **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. 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.

The application deadline is August 14, 2009. The application can be mailed or emailed to one of the 10 EPA regional locations. The regional locations can be found at: <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/rfp20090513.pdf>

##### 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.

##### Contact Information:

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#### 2) United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **The Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant:** The program assists Native American Tribes, states, cities, counties/parishes, or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing. 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. The program is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination.

Eligibility:

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

Application Deadline: July 20, 2009

Point of Application Submission:

- Christine Freeman  
HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
451 7th St. S.W., Room 8236  
Washington, D.C. 20410

Contact Information:

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### 3) 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.

Application Deadline: August 18, 2009

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#### 4) Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program

- 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.

Additional Information:

Eligibility:

- States, Native American Tribes and local governments.

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#### 5) The Operation Lead Elimination Action Program

- Assists grantees in creating 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.



Eligibility:

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

Point of Application Submission:

- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

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## 6) The Lead Technical Studies Grant Program

- Assists 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.

Point of Application Submission:

- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

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## **Section II**

### **State Funding**

#### **1) New York State Energy Research and Development Authority**

- **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. 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.

##### **Application Deadline:**

- Ongoing

##### **Point of Application Submission:**

- Please contact David Friello before submitting your application.

##### **Contact Information:**

- David Friello  
Telephone: 1-866-697-3792 ext. 3355

#### **2) New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal**

- **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.

- 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. Funds must be distributed in accordance with needs and priorities identified in the State's Consolidated Plan. Federal HOME Program regulations (24 CFR Part 92) set forth requirements for formula allocations, eligible activities, matching funds, qualifications as affordable housing, and compliance with other federal requirements. The regulations also establish special requirements for community housing development organizations (CHDOs).
- Rehabilitation standards include:
  - Soil Treatments for Lead Hazards
    - Repair Standard: Interim standards - 1 year - will require monitoring to ensure continued effective control methods. Replacement - 20 years
    - Play Areas: Bare soil play areas frequented by children under the age of six years shall be tested for lead content. Any bare soil over 400 g/g of lead in lead shall be covered with a reinforced landscape cloth and impermanent surface covering e.g. gravel, bark, sod, or artificial turf containing not more than 200 g/g of lead. Loose impermanent covering such as bark or gravel shall be applied in a thickness of not less than 6 inches.
    - Other Bare Soil: Bare soil outside of play areas shall be tested for lead content. Bare soil over 2000 g/g of lead in lead and totaling more than 9 square feet per property shall be covered with a reinforced landscape cloth or other impermanent surface covering containing not more than 200 g/g of lead, an interim control measure which prevents children=s access to the bare soil. Soil lead levels above 5000 g/g of lead require abatement.
  - Exterior Lead Hazards:
    - Repair Standard: All exterior paint shall be stabilized using lead-safe practices
    - Replacement Standard: Leaded components shall be replaced or the paint removed to create a lead-free exterior.
  - Lead-containing Components
    - Repair Standard  
Deteriorated lead-based paint on walls, trim, doors, and cabinets must be stabilized using lead-safe work practices. Or, a liquid encapsulant can be applied on components when the surface is deemed suitable for such coatings.
    - Replacement Standard: At the owner's request, when funding is sufficient, lead-containing walls, trim, doors and cabinets identified during a lead-paint inspection can be replaced or enclosed as appropriate.

- Interior Walls and Ceilings
  - Repair Standard: Minimum Life: 5 Years  
All holes and cracks shall be repaired to create a continuous surface and any deteriorated paint should be stabilized using lead-safe measures.
  - Replacement Standard: Minimum Life: 10 Years  
Walls shall be plumb, ceiling level with a smooth finish on at least 1/2" gypsum.  
Additional Reference: American Gypsum Association
- Hazardous Materials
  - Repair Standard: Minimum Life: NA  
Asbestos, lead paint, and other hazards, when identified, shall be addressed in conformance with applicable local, state, and federal laws. Rehabilitated properties shall be cleaned to pass a lead dust clearance test to the levels prescribed by HUD regulations.

Additional Information:

- Income Eligibility: 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.
- Funding Limitations: HOME Program funds may be used to pay for acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, and certain related soft costs. Funds may also be used for relocation costs, tenant-based rental assistance, down payment and closing costs, and some administrative and planning costs, subject to limitations set forth in the federal regulations. Funds may only be used for residential housing. There are restrictions on the use of HOME funds for properties assisted by certain other federal programs. Fifteen percent of each allocation of HOME Program funds is reserved for qualified community housing development organizations (CHDO) in accordance with federal law. Of the remaining funds, a minimum of 80 percent is reserved for projects that are not located in communities that have been designated by HUD as participating jurisdictions.

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 Information:

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

## Section III

### City Grants

#### 1) New York City Department of Housing Preservation and City Development

- **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. 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.

#### 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.

#### Eligible Applicants:

- 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.

#### Point of Application Retrieval:

- Please contact Thomas O'Hagan to retrieve and submit the Primary Prevention Program.

#### Contact Information:

- Thomas O'Hagan  
Telephone: (212) 863-6389

## Section VII

### 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

Please forward this information to the nearest regional office:

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