



Ohio Healthy Homes Network 2024 Annual Spring Forum

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Ohio Department of Health(ODH) Updates

- Responding to elevated blood lead cases.
- Lead safe housing fund progress.
- Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund projects.
- Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grant updates.
- Statewide marketing campaign.

Responding to Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL) Cases

- Ohio Administrative Code rule changes implemented in 2023.
- Changes align Ohio with the CDC Blood Lead Reference Value.
- Public health actions for EBLL cases commenced 7/1/23.
- Actions include:
 - Completion of a comprehensive questionnaire.
 - Education about lead sources and available grant programs.
 - Summary report mailed to parent/guardian.
 - ODH – provides option for onsite visual assessment.
- Ohio has 85% case completion rate.

Ohio Lead Safe Housing Fund(LSHF)

- FY24/25 funding for local high-risk communities.
- Perform primary prevention activities.
- Funding was made available to:
 - Private or non-profit organizations.
 - Advocacy groups.
 - Housing or health departments.
 - Health systems.
- Sixteen awards were made to various organizations.
- Contracts were executed November 2023 and end June 30, 2025.

LSHF Subrecipients

- Cincinnati Health Department.
- Cleveland Department of Public Health.
- Columbus Department of Development.
- City of Toledo.
- Clark County Combined Health District.
- Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development.
- Erie County Health Department.
- Franklin County Health Department.
- Hamilton County General Health District.
- Historic South Initiative (2 awards).
- Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity.
- MetroHealth Systems.
- Ohio Healthy Homes Network.
- People Working Cooperatively.
- West Ohio Community Action Partnership.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Education and outreach (Billboards, education events, physician training).
- Workforce development.
 - Training sponsorship.
 - Time/travel for attendees.
- Demolition of pre-1978 housing.
- Supplement housing funding (HUD housing repair or LHC grant) for lead abatement or lead safe renovation.
- Equipment purchase (XRF, cleaning kits, water filter pitchers, etc.).
- Community assessments and collaboratives in high-risk communities.
- Interventions for pregnant patients.

State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) Lead Hazard Control

- Sustained funding in 24/25 state budget.
 - \$5 million per fiscal year.
 - Seeking partnerships with local HUD LHC grants.
 - Expansion to include primary prevention focus.
 - Contracted with People Working Cooperatively (PWC).
 - Target areas includes 16 counties in southwest Ohio.

State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) Lead Hazard Control Program

- Eligibility criteria remains unchanged.
 - A child under 19 years of age or pregnant woman enrolled in Medicaid resides or visits property.
 - Property must be built before 1978.
 - Property taxes paid or payment plan in place.
 - Scoring matrix used to determine priority for services.

Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

House Bill 45

- Also known as ARPA funds.
- \$150 million allocated to the Ohio Department of Development.
 - \$20 million set aside for ODH.
- Funding encumbered by 9/30/24.
- Must meet reporting requirements established by OBM.
- Referrals to Lead Safe Ohio Program.

ODH ARPA Projects

- Lead Safe Housing Fund Projects.
 - Historic South Initiative (2 projects)- lead safe renovation.
 - Clark County Combined Health District- education and outreach.
 - Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity- lead safe renovation.
- The Port (Cincinnati)- lead safe renovation.
- Cleaning kit purchase – distribution statewide.
- Cleaning videos- emphasis on lead safe cleaning.
- HEPA vacuum purchase for use with loaner program.
- Books for lead education.

ODH ARPA Projects

- Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics (OAAP) quality improvement project.
- Subsidizing lead licensure and testing fees.
- ODH staffing.
- Information Technology (IT) system enhancement.
- Health Equity projects.
 - Translation of various documents.
 - Funding local projects.
 - Identifying funding for hazardous properties.

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grant

- Received funding from USEPA in 2019.
- Sampling for lead in drinking water in licensed childcare facilities.
- Piloted project in Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, and Lucas Counties.
- Adjusted workplan to allow for self sampling.
- Expansion to include childcare facilities and schools statewide.
- Working with third-party contractor, Tetra Tech.
- Sampling will commence 7/1/24.

Statewide Marketing Campaign

- GRF and ARPA funded marketing campaign.
- Various target populations.
 - Lead exposure.
 - Lead in water.
 - Lead-safe rental registry.
- Several media types.
 - Billboards
 - Television.
 - Social media.
 - Transit.
 - Digital.
 - Email.

HOMES AND SCHOOLS BUILT
before 1978 COULD CONTAIN
LEAD PAINT, WHICH CAN
CAUSE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
problems for kids.



QUESTIONS?

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