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MEDIA ALERT

City of Toledo's Department of Housing and Community Development Announces Lead Stabilization Grant Program

TOLEDO, OH – The City of Toledo's Department of Housing and Community Development is launching a Lead Stabilization Grant Program to support landlords and homeowners in controlling lead hazards in their properties. The grant will open today and close on June 1, 2024, or until funds are exhausted.

To apply for the Lead Stabilization Grant please visit: <u>Toledo's Housing</u> <u>Grant Application</u>.

Eligible parties include:

- Landlords and Homeowners
- Properties must be built before 1978
- Properties must be located within the City of Toledo limits
- Property taxes must be current

The grant program provides 100% reimbursement of most costs incurred to conduct lead stabilization activities, excluding taxes or fees. The maximum reimbursement amount is \$15,000 per unit. **Proof of payment is required for reimbursement.**

Some examples of reimbursable costs include:

- Clearance exam performed by a licensed clearance technician, lead inspector, or lead risk assessor
- Painting materials
- Doors (interior, exterior)
- Windows (replacement, glass block)



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- Vinyl siding
- Roofs
- Basic ground coverings such as mulch for bare soil around the dripline of a property
- A lead risk assessment by a Licensed Lead Risk Assessor
- Work performed by a <u>Licensed Lead Abatement Contractor</u> to remediate lead in a property through abatement or interim controls
- Work performed by an <u>EPA-certified RRP Contractor</u> to control potential lead hazards in a property

Please note **all lead hazard control work must be performed using** <u>HUD's Safe Work Practices</u>. Violations of these practices may result in the grant being denied and potential fines or penalties. Please <u>download and</u> <u>review the Fact Sheet</u> for information on what HUD requires for safe work practices. You may perform work with the presumption lead paint is present. You are not required to get a pre-work lead test.

Costs incurred after February 1, 2024, are eligible for reimbursement until funds are exhausted.

<u>All work must be completed by September 30, 2024. Invoices and</u> <u>receipts for completed work must be submitted by this date. Failure</u> to do so may result in the application being denied.

Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, contingent on available funds. The Lead Safe Coordinator will contact applicants after reviewing their applications. Applicants may apply for a maximum of four units.

We recommend you hire only Lead Abatement Contractors, RRP-certified lead paint contractors, and Lead Inspectors that are **fully licensed and insured and do your due diligence in hiring.** Please visit the <u>For</u> <u>Owners</u> page of this site for information on hiring local lead workers.

Local Lead Inspectors are licensed by the Ohio Department of Health as Clearance Technicians, Lead Inspectors, and Lead Risk Assessors. *As a courtesy*, those registered locally with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department to do lead-safe ordinance inspections are listed at <u>https://toledoleadsafe.com/inspectors/</u>. **PLEASE NOTE THESE**



INSPECTORS ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF TOLEDO, nor is this list all inclusive.

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As a property owner, you must also follow housing code and any applicable laws when you hire or self-perform renovation work on your property. You will be asked to submit copies of licenses, permits, photos, or other verification that work has been performed in a professional, workmanlike manner under this grant.

We **cannot** reimburse an owner's own "sweat equity" hours or the \$25 fee for the Lead Safe Certificate.

The City of Toledo may require an onsite inspection of completion prior to a reimbursement being issued. This inspection is solely for confirmation of completeness of work and not the suitability of the work performed.

This is a reimbursement grant. Applicants must pay all costs upfront and apply for reimbursement. Eligible costs up to \$15,000 per unit will be reimbursed upon review of the documents.

Properties must be occupied to qualify; vacant properties are ineligible.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until grant funds are exhausted. Grants are awarded to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For applications with mistakes or missing information, the Department of Housing and Community Development will contact applicants to allow for resubmission.

Family childcare homes and residential rental properties with 1-4 units built before 1978 must obtain a Lead Safe Certificate before applying for the grant.

All properties in Lucas County have a parcel number. You can find this at the **Auditor's AREIS website** and searching for your property. In the upper



left you will find the 7-digit parcel ID. Class



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Rental Registry information is searchable on our **Lead-Safe Map**.

Any additional questions should be directed to the <u>Contact Us</u> form on the <u>www.toledoleadsafe.com</u> website.

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