

**Michigan Department of Community Health
Lead Hazard Remediation Program
Legislative Report**

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I. Lead Hazard Remediation Program Fiscal Year 2004 Achievements

The following tables summarize the Lead Hazard Remediation Program's activities. It should be noted that to date the various funding sources have provided lead abatement for 1,105 units.

| Activity | This Period | To Date |
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| Housing units inspected for lead | 142 | 1,671* |
| HUD-funded housing units abated | 49 | 750* |
| CMI-funded housing units abated | 25 | 336* |
| Maternal and Child Health Block-funded housing units abated | 19 | 19 |
| Children residing in lead-safe homes | 144 | 1,571* |
| Applications received | 170 | 1,507 |
| Public presentations | 135 | 202 |
| Enforcement of Lead Abatement Act of 1998 — Activities | 50 | 222** |

* Since 1996 ** Since 2000

| Accredited Lead Training Course Programs | This Period | Current |
|--|-------------|---------|
| Lead Inspector Training Programs | 0 | 5 |
| Risk Assessor Training Programs | 0 | 5 |
| Abatement Supervisor Training Programs | 0 | 13 |
| Abatement Worker Training Programs | 0 | 8 |
| Clearance Technician Training Programs | 0 | 2 |
| Certified Lead Professionals | | |
| Lead Inspector | 92 | 356 |
| Risk Assessor | 84 | 370 |
| Abatement Supervisor | 201 | 1029 |
| Abatement Worker | 55 | 118 |
| Clearance Technician | 25 | 64 |
| Abatement Contractor Companies | 58 | 237 |

In addition to the above, the following accomplishments have occurred this fiscal year in moving forward to the year 2010 goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning:

Governor Granholm convened a Task Force on Childhood Lead Poisoning in July 2003 to create recommendations on ways to eliminate childhood lead poisoning from Michigan by 2010. Six subcommittees met during the first and second quarter of the fiscal year; the subcommittees represented Funding, Legislation and Policy, Housing, Enforcement, Health, and Education and Outreach. The subcommittees crafted recommendations that were consolidated into a final report with budgetary requests, and forwarded to the Surgeon General and Governor Granholm in early 2004. The Department has successfully secured \$1 million for the recommendations to be implemented in Fiscal Year 2005.

LHRP acquired a new funding source from the Department to couple with its lead hazard control program this fiscal year — Maternal and Child Health Block Grant dollars in the amount of \$500,000. The last of the \$5 million Clean Michigan Initiative funding was also rolled over from the prior year for lead hazard abatement use.

LHRP has entered into an agreement with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to provide low cost (4-8%) loans for owners of rental and owner-occupied housing in order to make their properties lead-safe. In September 2004, LHRP enrolled its first unit through this Property Improvement Program, and is expecting more to follow.

The Department's Lead-Safe Home Program completed its first year of a Performance-Based Renewal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Two additional years remain of the \$3 million award. Ninety-three housing units were made lead-safe in association with this grant during this reporting period.

The Program hired a Statewide Field Consultant with many years of housing-related experience to provide oversight of lead hazard control projects throughout the State, technical expertise to subgrantee lead programs conducting local projects, and administration of Property Improvement Program loans mentioned above. This position has proven to be a very necessary asset to Program operations.

LHRP successfully assisted the Saginaw County Health Department in obtaining a \$3 million HUD Lead Hazard Control grant, by contracting a consultant to work with them during the grant writing phase. Saginaw County has been receiving state and federal funds and technical guidance through LHRP for nine years to establish a quality lead hazard control program.

Over the past several years, LHRP has operated a low-cost lead training program for low- and moderate-income individuals and local health department staff performing home investigations for lead poisoned children. The program receives grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5. A \$25 co-payment is required to apply for any one of five lead courses. During this year, 122 individuals applied and 67 have subsequently been trained. Since the inception of the stipend program, 448 training classes have been sponsored by LHRP. Contact the Program for applications as funding will be available in the new fiscal year using

general program dollars for the first time

LHRP staff created a protocol for statewide use by local health department staff in performing environmental investigations of properties frequented by lead poisoned children. The protocol had been in the making for three years with a proficient workgroup of state and local lead program staff and representatives from non-government agencies. The protocol is considered a one-of-a-kind resource in the lead industry.

During this period, LHRP has been collaborating with the Department of Labor and Economic Development and the Department of Management and Budget in preparation to distribute information to over 65,000 licensed residential building contractors. The packet to be mailed will highlight the federal requirements that they notify homeowners of the potential dangers of disturbing lead-based paint prior to renovation and remodeling.

MDCH held a public comment period for amendments to the corresponding rules of the Lead Abatement Act in September. Proposed were technical changes to the enforcement component of the program, and to establish a more streamlined method of training individuals that had not been trained prior. No public comments were recorded at that time. The Program expects that these changes will take effect next fiscal year.

MDCH maintains a website that provides valuable information for homeowners, health care providers and lead industry professionals. The lead website can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe. The Program's toll-free telephone number is 1 (866) 691-LEAD.

II. Lead Hazard Remediation Program Elements

The Lead Hazard Remediation Program provides four primary functions that address the reduction of lead-based paint poisoning throughout the State of Michigan. They include the 1) administration of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Control funds to abate lead-based paint hazards in 8 high risk counties; Clean Michigan Initiative bond funds were administered by the program to make 312 homes throughout the State lead-safe for young children; 2) public and professional education efforts; 3) the certification of lead inspectors, risk assessors, abatement workers, supervisors, clearance technicians, abatement contractors and the accreditation of training providers; and 4) the enforcement of lead professional activities per the Lead Abatement Act of 1998 as amended in 2002.

III. Fiscal Year 2004 Year-To-Date Expenditures

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| • Administrative: | |
| Certification and Enforcement | \$437,650 |
| Abatement | \$117,404 |
| • Laboratory Services | \$57,195 |
| • Contracts: | \$1,459,636 |
| State & Local Site Management | |
| Abatement Contractors | |
| • Total | \$2,071,885 |

IV. Fiscal Year 2004 Funding Allocations Available

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| • Clean Michigan Initiative | \$289,500 |
| • Maternal and Child Health Block Grant | \$500,000 |
| • HUD | \$1,222,551 |
| • EPA | \$501,048 |
| • Program Revenue | \$101,100 |
| TOTAL | \$2,614,199 |

The balance of the allocations at the close of the fiscal year were remaining in the Program Revenue and HUD accounts. These funds were rolled over into the new fiscal year without penalty.