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## **11 projects awarded \$757,500 in grant funding to eliminate child lead exposure by state commission**

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), on behalf of Michigan’s Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission (CLEEC), today announced the recipients of \$757,513 in grant funds to eliminate child lead exposure.

One-time grants of up to \$75,000 were awarded to 11 local health departments, non-profit organizations, universities and other entities for projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to the elimination of child lead exposure. Grants were awarded through a Request for Proposal process.

Projects include lead prevention services for pregnant women and families; infant and toddler home screening; mobile lead testing; incorporating lead education into existing food growing nutrition programs; soil sampling; and improving housing codes related to lead identification and exposure.

“These proactive initiatives will improve the overall health and safety of our state’s youngest residents,” said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. “By working together, we will help prevent lead exposure from ever occurring, resulting in a lead-free Michigan.”

Award recipients are:

- City of Detroit Health Department - Head Start Service Integration Project: Lead Prevention - \$75,000
- City of Detroit Health Department - Lead Education and Prevention Service for Pregnant Women - \$75,000
- District Health Department #10 - Primary Lead Exposure Prevention Project for Pregnant Women and Families - \$66,726
- Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan, Inc. - Infant/Toddler Home Screening - \$75,000
- Institute for Population Health, Inc - Protect Michigan's Children: Actions to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning. A Pilot Project - \$75,000
- Jackson County Health Department - Preventing Lead Exposure in Pregnant Women - \$15,805

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- Michigan State University Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Department of Medicine - Worksite Intervention to Mitigate Child Take-Home Lead Exposure - \$75,000
- National Center for Healthy Housing - Technical Assistance for Code Transformation and Innovation Collaborative - \$75,000
- Oakland County Health Division - Multi-Component Lead Poisoning Testing and Education Initiative for Oakland County - \$75,000
- Our Kitchen Table - Child Lead Exposure Elimination: Innovation Grant - \$75,000
- Southeastern Michigan Health Association/CLEARCorps Detroit - Lead Safe Blocks: 48206 Primary Prevention Project - \$75,000

“The commission was very pleased with the caliber of the projects proposed through this RFP process,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive and CLEEC chair. “We look forward to seeing the end results.”

The CLEEC was established in 2017 to coordinate all efforts for the elimination of child lead exposure statewide, including the implementation of recommendations from the report [A Roadmap to Eliminating Child Lead Exposure](#) issued by the Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board in November 2016. The commission prioritized the recommendations to develop a [five-year Action Plan](#), grouping the objectives into six categories: regulations/laws, funding, testing, data, partnerships and education.

Funded projects address the prioritized recommendations, are based on science and best practices and must show demonstrable results within one year.

For more information about CLEEC and the Action Plan, visit [Michigan.gov/leadcommission](https://Michigan.gov/leadcommission).

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