

targeted to receive interventions, and the organizations targeted to continue to operate effective intervention strategies over the life of the award and thereafter.

The objectives of the Healthy Homes Demonstration program include:

- (a) Identification of target areas and homes where assessment and interventions will occur;
- (b) Identification and evaluation of effective methods of hazard abatement and risk reduction;
- (c) Development of appropriately-scaled, flexible, cost-effective and efficient intervention strategies that take into account the range of conditions likely to be encountered in housing and that maximize the number of housing units that receive an intervention;
- (d) Development of methodologies for evaluating intervention effectiveness;
- (e) Development of local capacity in target areas and training programs for target groups to operate sustainable programs to prevent and control housing-based hazards, especially in low- and very low-income residences;
- (f) Development of a cost-effective protocol for identifying homes that are candidates for interventions, identifying hazards in these homes, and screening out homes where structural or other condition factors (e.g., cost) make interventions infeasible or impractical;
- (g) Development and delivery of public outreach programs that provide information about effective methods for preventing housing-related childhood diseases and injuries and for promoting the use of these interventions;
- (h) Targeting, through education and outreach, specific high-risk communities and other identified audiences such as homeowners, landlords, health care deliverers, pregnant women, children, residential construction contractors, maintenance personnel, housing inspectors, real estate professionals, home buyers, and low-income minority families;
- (i) Implementation of media strategies to use print, radio and television to increase public awareness of housing-related hazards that threaten children, including the use of minority media, nonprofit organizations that work with persons with disabilities, and advocates for racial and ethnic minorities, and faith-based organizations;
- (j) Dissemination of existing tools and, as needed, new tools to inform parents and caregivers about housing-related hazards and enable them to take prompt corrective action; and
- (k) Development of training programs for Healthy Homes activities to emphasize assessment and intervention methods applicable to public and private housing in the target area.

(B) Eligible Applicants

Not-for-profit institutions, including faith-based and community-based organizations, and for-profit firms located in the U.S., state and local governments, and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. For-profit firms are not allowed to include a fee in the cost proposal (i.e., no profit can be made from the project). Federal agencies and federal employees are not eligible to apply for this program.

(C) Eligible Activities

The following direct activities and support activities are eligible under this grant program.

(1) *Direct Project Elements.* These include activities that you may undertake directly, or through sub-recipients, such as:

- (a) Performing evaluations of eligible housing to determine the presence of housing-based hazards (e.g., mold growth, allergens, unvented appliances, exposed steam pipes or radiators, deteriorated lead-based paint) through the use of generally accepted testing procedures.
- (b) Conducting housing interventions to remediate existing housing-based hazards and address conditions that could result in their recurrence. Any lead hazard evaluation and control work shall be conducted by persons qualified for the activities according to 24 CFR part 35, especially sections 35.1325 for abatement and 35.1330 for interim controls. Qualified persons must possess certification as abatement contractors, risk assessors, inspectors, abatement workers, or sampling technicians, or otherwise having been trained in a HUD-approved course in lead-safe work practices. You may refer to the HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing (*Guidelines*) for additional information. The *Guidelines* and/or applicable regulations may be downloaded from the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control's homepage, linked to HUD's website at www.hud.gov. All pest control activities shall incorporate the principles and methods of integrated pest management (IPM). In technical terms, IPM is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. (One information source is the University of Minnesota's electronic textbook of Integrated Pest Management,

available at <http://ipmworld.umn.edu/textbook.htm>.)

(c) Undertaking housing rehabilitation activities that are specifically required to carry out effective control of housing-based hazards, and without which the intervention could not be completed and maintained. Funds under this program may also be used to control lead-based paint hazards; however, such controls may not be a principal focus of the grant. Lead hazard control activities are carried out under HUD's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program.

(d) Carrying out relocation of families and individuals, when necessary, during the period in which intervention is conducted and until the time the affected unit receives clearance for re-occupancy. Residents relocated must be guaranteed the choice of returning to the unit after the intervention.

(e) If medical examinations of young children for conditions caused or exacerbated by exposure to hazards are demonstrated to be critical to the outcome of your project, and there are no alternative sources to cover these costs, conducting such examinations.

(f) Environmental sampling and medical testing recommended by a physician or applicable occupational or public health agency to protect the health of the intervention workers, supervisors, and contractors, unless reimbursable from another source.

(g) Conducting testing and analysis for lead, mold, carbon monoxide and/or other toxins as appropriate, with respect to generally accepted standards or criteria, or where not available, other appropriate levels justified in conjunction with the project. Clearance dust samples related to lead-based paint must be analyzed by a laboratory recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP). All tests results related to lead-based paint must be provided to the owner of the unit, together with a notice describing the owner's legal duty to disclose the results to tenants and buyers.

(h) Carrying out architectural, engineering and work specification development and other construction management services to control housing-based hazards and remediate existing hazards.

(i) Providing training on Healthy Homes practices to homeowners, renters, painters, remodelers, and housing maintenance staff working in low- or very low-income housing.

(j) Providing cleaning supplies for hazard intervention and hazard control to faith-based and other community-based organizations for use by