

# FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MAKE YOUR HOME LEAD SAFE

## Quincy Lead Abatement Program (QLAP)

Whether you are a homeowner, tenant or landlord, Quincy Office of Healthy Homes can help you reduce the dangers of lead and other hazards in your home with our Lead Abatement Program. The program provides up to \$10,000 assistance per unit, in the form of a 5-year forgivable loan including \$1,000 temporary relocation grant and the supports and resources you need to make your home lead safe

There are no monthly payments and no out-of-pocket expenses. Property owners who qualify for the Lead Abatement Program may also be eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding to address health and safety issues identified in the property.

### The Dangers of Lead

Childhood lead poisoning is one of the most common pediatric health problems, yet it is entirely preventable. Lead exposure can cause irreversible damage, including loss of intelligence, learning disabilities and behavioral problems.

The most common sources of lead poisoning are lead-contaminated dust, peeling and chipped lead paint, contaminated soil and at-risk jobs that involve lead exposure, such as construction. Lead is found in most homes constructed prior to 1978. 75% of Quincy homes fall into this high-risk category and likely contain lead paint.

### One Step at a Time

Our trained staff will pre-qualify you for assistance; help you complete the application; provide free lead paint inspections; help you determine what work needs to be done; and discuss temporary living arrangements while the work is being performed. For multi-family homeowners, we pay to relocate your tenants during the renovation, while you continue to collect rent. The program has several lead-certified contractors who will bid on your work.

### Typical improvements to your property may include:

- New windows and doors
- Interior and exterior painting
- Yard and play area improvements
- Exhaust fans to improve indoor air quality
- Correct trip and fall hazards, install grab bars and railing
- Install Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors

Once the work is complete, a state-certified inspector will issue a Lead-safe Certificate for your home. For rental homeowners, this certificate automatically bring your property into compliance with Massachusetts' lead laws.

### Do I qualify?

If your home was built before 1978 and a child under six years old lives or regularly stays at your home and that occupant(s) income is/are within the HUD limit, you may be eligible. All borrowers must have clear title to the property and mortgage; property taxes and insurance must be current.

Quincy Office of Healthy Homes strives to ensure that all people who live or work in Quincy can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. A good home provides the foundation upon which individuals and families thrive, children learn and grow and communities prosper.



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