

Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR)

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About LHR



The Lead Hazard Reduction Program is a new DHCD program that provides federal HUD funding to sub-recipient organizations to administer lead activities across the state. The program works with local health departments, state agencies, and providers to administer the grant. A portion of LHR funds are used to build certified lead abatement contractor capacity across the commonwealth.

LHR will serve 225 households throughout Virginia, minus the cities of Richmond and Roanoke, as well as Chesterfield County. (These localities have received their own separate grants for this work. The program empowers partners to leverage the lead funding with other housing rehabilitation projects in order to maximize impact. In addition, partners are encouraged to educate and inform our communities on the dangers of exposure to lead paint and encourage more children to be tested for elevated blood lead levels. LHR will work to train and certify contractors in the various lead-related disciplines to create future capacity for this work, and create a sustainable and enduring program for Virginia to ensure that all eligible families in need have access to this service.

Eligibility

All households:

- Pre-1978 single family and multifamily housing (Homes must test positive for lead paint by an XRF machine.)
- Households at or below 80% area median income (AMI)
- Priority for children under 6 years of age with elevated blood lead levels

Owner-occupied housing:

- Families with children under 6 years of age, or with a child of this age, that visits the home regularly
- Pregnant women

Renter-occupied housing:

- Rental priority given to families with children 6 years of age and younger

Program Funding

DHCD was awarded a \$5.6 million grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead and Healthy Homes.

Key Dates

The program will operate until at least **June 2023.**



Providers

Local program providers will manage all aspects of the lead remediation projects: from client intake to final clearance testing.

