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Lead-Free PA



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AGENDA

- **Lead-Free PA**
- **Current Projects**
 - Expanding the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program to Schools (RACP)
 - Leveraging CHIP Health Services Initiative
 - Reallocating PENNVEST Grant Funds
 - Convening Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program Grant Recipients
 - Implementing Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant



LEAD-FREE PA INITIATIVE

- **August 28, 2019 Gov. Wolf introduced the Lead-Free Pa Initiative.**
 - Increase Access to Blood Testing for Children
 - Increase Local Response Efforts & Training for Additional Certified Lead Abatement Professionals
 - Call to Legislature to Pass Universal Lead Testing



Lead-Free Pa Priorities/Projects

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EXPANDING THE REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM TO SCHOOLS (RACP)

- **Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program - a commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects.**
- RACP programs are authorized by the Redevelopment Assistant section of a Capital Budget Itemization Act
- \$1 Billion in RACP grants will be used for lead and asbestos remediation in schools

LEVERAGING CHIP HEALTH SERVICES INITIATIVE

- **DHS is working with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a Health Services Initiative (HSI) to improve health of children in areas where lead and asbestos exposure is high.**
 - Remediation projects
 - Enhancing funding opportunities for current HUD grant recipients statewide
 - Building infrastructure in 1-2 new areas to increase regions able to assist in lead remediation efforts.
 - Funding for training and certification of EPA-certified individuals

WHAT'S NEXT

- \$4 million state investment, \$10 million in federal dollars could be leveraged annually for an annual \$14 million to support efforts around lead remediation.

TRANSFERRING PENNVEST GRANT FUNDS

- **Legislation recently passed in Congress, allowing states to transfer amounts from its clean water state revolving fund to its drinking water state revolving fund**
- PENNVEST may be able to free up to \$90 million, to address lead in drinking water, through grants for lead service line replacement statewide.

WHAT'S NEXT

- PENNVEST will spend the next year working with communities to identify shovel-ready projects, to be funded in 2021
- Grant recipients will do testing, feasibility studies, and other consulting work next year to prep for projects.

CONVENING LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **The Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program helps communities address housing-related health and safety hazards and lead-based paint hazards through the Lead Hazard control and Healthy Homes grant.**
- September 2019, PA received notice of \$22.5 million in funding awards, which will be used for low income families with children and medical and social service providers.

WHAT'S NEXT

- DOH is working to convene all Pennsylvania recipients to ensure collaboration in implementation.

IMPLEMENTING LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM DRINKING WATER GRANT

- **Authorized under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant creates a program to assist with voluntary testing for lead in drinking water at schools and child care programs.**
- Pennsylvania submitted grant application, with the support of PENNVEST, PDE, environmental protections, DOH, & DHS.
- \$1.7 million in funds will be used to develop and implement a lead testing program in schools and child care facilities throughout the state.

WHAT'S NEXT

- RFP closed on May 1 and the evaluation team is scoring the proposals.