



National Safe and Healthy  
Housing Coalition

FY 2013 Transportation HUD Appropriations  
HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program

Program	Appropriation			President's Request	Coalition Request
	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 13
Lead Hazard Control and Demonstration Programs	\$114,600	\$94,110	\$107,500	\$86,000	\$86,000
<i>Healthy Homes Demonstration and Production Programs</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$23,253</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
Lead Technical Studies and Regulatory Support	\$4,000	\$1,199	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
HUD's Transformation Initiative	\$1,400	\$1,198	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$119,800</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>

**Ask: Level funding** (\$120 million) for HUD's Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control programs, and, **within that total, \$30 million for healthy homes.** Continuing funding for this program at the FY 11 funding level will enable states and localities to address substandard housing conditions that cause disease and death among young children and the elderly. With respect to healthy homes, we are not asking for additional funding, only that of the \$120 million in funding, \$30 million of it would be used both for lead and for other healthy homes interventions, thus allowing Federal funds to more efficiently address life-threatening health hazards in homes.

**Background: The home is the most dangerous place for U.S. families:**

- Lead-based paint hazards in 24 million homes jeopardize the development and school success of millions of children.
- More than 6.4 million homes have dangerous levels of radon – a gas that causes 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year, with associated annual costs of \$2.3 billion.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning causes 20,000 emergency room visits and at least 400 deaths every year.
- Exposure to dampness and mold contributes to 21% of asthma cases, costing \$3.5 billion, 10 million lost school days, and 2 million emergency room visits.

**Justification:** HUD's healthy homes program supplements the lead hazard control grants by enabling government agencies and nonprofit organizations to address other health and safety hazards. Healthy Homes grants are particularly critical because lead hazard control grants by law may only be used to fix lead paint hazards—a lead-safe home could still have a serious problem with carbon monoxide, radon, dry wall, mold, and more. The OHHLHC **healthy homes grants have made 20,000 units safe** from injury hazards and serious environmental hazards since 1999. **This program is highly over-subscribed with only one applicant receiving funding for every 11 qualified applications HUD receives.** Its interventions, costing \$3,600 per unit, net savings such as \$26,720 in unscheduled acute care services per 100 asthma cases.

The **lead hazard control grant** program has created over **165,000 lead-safe units** since 1993. The OHHLHC can only fund one out of every three qualified applications it receives due to its current budget. Since 1996, its lead disclosure rule **enforcement efforts** have resulted in owners making over **185,000 units lead safe.** The average cost for lead hazard control is \$9,400. Each dollar invested in lead hazard control results in a return of at least \$17 to \$221.