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## 2018 Healthy Housing Fact Sheet

Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Wisconsin's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

|  | WI received funding since 2016? |
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| <b>CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b> | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>CDC's National Asthma Control Program</b>                     | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network</b>               | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</b>     | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</b>           | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program</b>                | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>EPA's Lead Categorical Grants</b>                             | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>EPA's Radon Categorical Grants</b>                            | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund</b>                       | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants</b>               | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</b>   | <b>YES</b>                      |
| <b>DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program</b>                   | <b>YES</b>                      |

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the families and residents of Wisconsin, including:



In Wisconsin, **25% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 16% of children live in poverty.



In 2016, **5,043 Wisconsin children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **685 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



**62% of Wisconsin housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint; 20% was built before 1940.



There were **465 emergency department visits due to carbon monoxide exposure** in Wisconsin in 2014. On average, **20 Wisconsinites die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2011-2015).



Over **90,000 children** and **426,000 adults in Wisconsin have current asthma**, about 7% and 10% of the population for each age group respectively (2015).



In 2014, **asthma was responsible for over 21,000 emergency department visits and over 5,000 hospitalizations** in Wisconsin.



About **1 in 10 Wisconsin homes have indoor radon levels over the EPA action level** and an estimated **488 Wisconsinites die annually** from radon-related lung cancer.



In 2016, **unintentional falls were responsible for 1,365 deaths** among Wisconsinites over the age of 65. **87% of deaths and 70% of hospitalizations due to falls** are among adults over the age of 65.