

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 workdays for parents. The requirement for safe and healthy housing has become even more urgent as people spend more time than ever in residential environments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect the health of Maryland families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services.

MD received funding since 2018?

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| CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program | YES |
| CDC's National Asthma Control Program | NO |
| CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network | YES |
| HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes | YES |
| HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) | YES |
| HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program | YES |
| EPA's Lead Categorical Grants | YES |
| EPA's State Indoor Radon Grants | YES |
| EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund | YES |
| HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants | YES |
| HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) | YES |
| DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program | YES |

Full funding to federal programs such as those listed above will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Maryland. For example:



In Maryland, **31% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 12% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **1,532 Maryland children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **341 of them were 10 µg/dL or higher**. Average blood lead testing activity **fell by 62% in the spring of 2020** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



53% of Maryland housing was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **9 Marylanders die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2014-2018).



Approximately **9% of adults and 8% of children have current asthma** in Maryland (2018).



In 2015, there were **over 44,000 asthma-related emergency department visits and over 6,000 hospitalizations** in Maryland; charges totaled **\$93.3 and \$42.1 million**, respectively.



In 2015, unintentional falls among Marylanders above 65 were responsible for **over 9,500 hospitalizations and more than 500 deaths**.



8 counties in Maryland have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level**.