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 Northern Mariana Islands families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services.

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- Approximately 14% of residents on the Northern Mariana Islands lack complete plumbing facilities and 27% lack complete kitchen facilities (2010).
- Approximately 11 people per 100,000 Northern Mariana Islanders die each year from indoor air pollution caused by cooking and heating fuels.
- A popular Saipan Island region for fishing has exorbitantly high rates of lead in the soil which pose a significant contamination risk to nearby waters.
- About 5 people are poisoned by carbon monoxide each year on the Northern Mariana Islands.

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- CDC’s Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- CDC’s National Asthma Control Program
- CDC’s Environmental Health Tracking Network
- HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
- HUD’s Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HUD’s HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- EPA’s Lead Categorical Grants
- EPA’s State Indoor Radon Grants
- EPA’s Drinking Water Revolving Fund
- HHS’ Maternal and Child Health Block Grants
- HHS’ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program

MP received funding since 2018?

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February 2021. For references, additional state-specific healthy homes information, and to learn how you can engage your members of Congress on these vital issues... visit: http://bit.ly/StatePro contact: sgoodwin@nchh.org