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**Communities encouraged to apply for grants to provide lead hazard control services**

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued a Request for Proposal for community organizations to provide residential lead hazard control services to Medicaid Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) enrolled residents.

Grants up to \$1,500,000 are available for qualifying cities, counties, or consortiums to provide lead hazard control services. The Healthy Homes Section of MDHHS hopes to fund up to six agencies to provide these services in Michigan communities.

Services available for funding under this initiative include, but are not limited to the following efforts:

- outreach, education, and promotion of covered services to Medicaid CHIP enrolled residents;
- preparation, lead inspection, risk assessment, and/or elevated blood lead investigation, and lab sampling analysis activities to determine the presence of lead hazards;
- permanent removal, enclosure, or encapsulation of lead-based paint and lead dust hazards from an eligible residence;
- removal or covering of soil lead hazards up to the eligible residence property line;
- minimal rehabilitation to the extent the work will extend the life of the lead abatement work done;
- removal of pre-2014 faucets and fixtures used for human consumption, plumbing, and/or service lines that are deemed to be a lead hazard;
- temporary relocation of residents during lead abatement activities;
- building local capacity to safely and effectively abate lead hazards.

Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the MI E-Grants program. Applications will be accepted through August 22, 2017 at 3 p.m. The program period begins October 1, 2017 and ends September 30, 2018.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants website (<http://egramms-mi.com/dch>) and click the "About EGrAMS" link on the left panel to access the "Competitive Application Instructions" training manual. The complete Request for Proposals document can be accessed on the MI E-Grants website in the ‘Current Grants’ section by clicking the “Public Health Administration” link and accessing the “LHCCD-2018” grant program.

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