



DELAWARE COUNTY

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

Lead Testing and Remediation Assistance Homeowners



An initiative of
Delaware County Council
and the
Office of Housing and Community Development

APPLICATION PROCESS

Contact Delaware County's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) to obtain the Lead Hazard Reduction Program Guide and Application.

Contingent on applicant eligibility, the LHRP Program Manager will assist landlords and renters with all phases of the lead remediation project:

- Inspect the property and develop a scope of work;
- Bid preparation;
- Obtain cost estimates from approved certified contractors; and
- Lead clearance upon job completion.

Lead testing will be completed by a Certified Lead Risk Assessor.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Program funding can be limited at times and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
- Households with children with an Elevated Blood Lead Level will be given priority.
- Applicants must complete a financial questionnaire and provide income verification.



For more information and to obtain a program application contact:

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Office of Housing and
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Delaware County is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs and employment without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, family status, disability or age.

The **Lead Hazard Reduction Program (LHRP)** helps qualified homeowners improve the safety of their homes by testing for and remediating lead paint. The program is funded through the federal Lead Hazard Control Grant Program from the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and is subject to HUD rules and requirements.

REMEDATION ASSISTANCE

Up to \$18,000 in the form of a zero percent (0%) interest deferred loan is available per eligible applicant to cover the costs of essential lead remediation work. The amount of the loan will vary depending on the work to be completed which will be determined by a program inspection to assess what work is required to meet local and federal standards and regulations.

TERMS OF ASSISTANCE

- Loans will be secured by a mortgage recorded with the County Recorder of Deeds and may be forgiven after three (3) years.
- The mortgage may be subordinated only if the home is refinanced to obtain a lower interest rate.
- If the property is sold (to a homeowner or for use as a rental) or transferred prior to three years, the loan is repayable in full.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicant households must be low- or moderate-income residents of Delaware County.

The applicant must:

- Have a household income of no more than 80% of the area’s Median Family Income (see income limits chart);
- Live in a residence built prior to 1978;
- Have a household with a child under the age of 6; a child under age 6 that is at the property at least 60 hours/year; or have a household member that is pregnant;
- Own and occupy the property as primary residence for at least six (6) months prior to receiving assistance;
- Not own additional property;
- Be current on mortgage and tax payments (or mortgage/tax payment plan);
- Have homeowners insurance and, when applicable, flood insurance which must be held for the life of the loan; and
- Be a US Citizen or legal resident alien.

Household Size	80% Median Family Income (FY21)*
1	\$52,950
2	\$60,500
3	\$68,050
4	\$75,600
5	\$81,650
6	\$87,700
7	\$93,750
8	\$99,800

* Income includes the gross income of all household members age 18 years or older.

ELIGIBLE WORK

The purpose of the LHRP is to maximize the number of children under the age of six years protected from lead poisoning. Work is limited to the identification and removal of lead-based paint hazards through testing and remediation activities. Remediation activities can include, but are not limited to, window and door replacement, vinyl wrapping, replacing trim and moldings, and scraping and sealing loose or deteriorated paint.

A certified Lead Risk Assessor and the LHRP Program Manager will inspect your home to determine lead risks and hazards and provide a scope of work. All work will meet federal, state and local lead-based paint regulations and standards.

POTENTIAL RELOCATION

Due to the potential health risks associated with lead remediation work, households may be required to temporarily relocate for up to ten (10) days. Costs for relocation, storage, and daily meal allowances may be available through the program.

GUARANTEE

All work carries a one-year guarantee from the contractor. Work defects uncovered during the guarantee period must be addressed directly to the contractor.

Please refer to the **LHRP Program Guide** for additional details.