

City of San Antonio
Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program
Grant Application Summary

The City of San Antonio's Green and Healthy Homes Program (SAGHH) is committed to providing quality lead hazard control services and maximizing outreach efforts within the San Antonio community. The SAGHH is implemented by the City's Neighborhood and Housing Services Department (NHSD) whose mission is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the quality of life for residents of San Antonio by providing effective management and delivery of our City's resources for a vibrant future. This proposed grant incorporates strong partnerships between the SAGHH, Head Start, the University Health System, the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), the national Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, City of San Antonio Department of Human Services, Build San Antonio Green and various community faith-based and non-profit organizations. The City requested \$5,750,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

The proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) match totals \$500,000 for the 48-month grant period. NHSD will continue to work with Head Start to provide case referrals, follow-up activities, and outreach and education efforts to children suffering from Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs). As with the current grant, the SAGHH will be supported through other housing programs thereby leveraging additional lead funds available for these housing rehabilitation efforts.

The proposed SAGHH grant will conduct lead hazard control activities and address healthy home hazards on 135 owner-occupied and tenant-occupied residential properties. Based on the average of 2.5 children per household, these 135 units are projected to provide lead safe affordable housing for over 270 children. Units will be identified and referred from community partners and various other community groups which assist in educating the community and providing over 100 outreach events for the program. The City will re-engage a coalition of community partners committed to lead-safe activities and construction mitigation practices.

San Antonio is a Preferred Sustainable Community. San Antonio is also one of over twenty current Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) sites which instill the same values as the preferred sustainable communities. SAGHH will ensure that work completed with the grant incorporates green and healthy home practices by using appropriate methods and materials such as those that meet Energy Star ratings.

NHSD will utilize the existing processes and procedures for testing and treatment methods by the lead environmental contractors and consultants. Contractors will be required to periodically screen the blood of exposed workers, and hold safety meetings, per job, with all workers performing interim controls/abatement.

The SAGHH has incorporated green and healthy homes practices with its existing LHRD grant will continue to do so with this grant's Healthy Homes Supplement. Families may qualify for the following services: lead-based paint hazard control, weatherization, smoke/carbon monoxide detector installation, minor repair or addressing safety issues.