



CITY OF SYRACUSE FACT SHEET

# LEAD GRANT PROGRAM

## OVERVIEW

The Syracuse Lead Grant Program exists as a resource to assist qualifying homeowners and tenants with lead remediation funds. The purpose of the program is to address issues caused by lead-based paint by reducing lead hazards in city of Syracuse homes with young children. Common repairs provided by the program are new windows, doors, siding, and porch work. All work completed through this program is done by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified contractors.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

**Grants are available to city of Syracuse tenants, landlords, and owner occupants who meet the following requirements:**

- Live in homes containing lead-based paint hazards.
- Own or occupy a one to four family residential structure built before 1978.
- Have a child under age six who lives or spends a significant amount of time in the home.
- Have a current annual gross household income of no more than 80% of the median income for the County of Onondaga.
- Certain property requirements also apply.

## What is Lead Poisoning?

Lead poisoning or lead toxicity refers to exposure to lead that results in illness and requires immediate medical attention. It is used to describe medical cases where there are severe health effects related to high blood lead levels.

## Lead Facts

- Most homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint.
- Breathing in or swallowing dust from lead-based paint can cause health, behavior, or learning problems that do not appear right away.
- Children are more likely to be exposed to lead paint and dust by putting their hands or objects into their mouth.
- There are no outward physical symptoms to identify lead exposure. The only way to test for lead poisoning is with a blood test.

## Lead Testing

**New York State requires doctors to test all children for lead poisoning at ages 1 and 2. Providing results of a child's blood lead test is recommended for all applicants of the Syracuse Lead Grant Program.**

To test your child for lead, contact your doctor or call the Onondaga County Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 315-435-3271.

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