

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program Offices Salaries and Expenses

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2020*	2021			2022		
	Actuals	Carryover	Enacted	Total	Carryover	President's Budget	Total
Personnel Services	\$7,861	\$61	\$8,320	\$8,381	\$1,769	\$9,365	\$11,134
Non-Personnel Services							
Travel	111	66	108	174	-	174	174
Printing	23	-	40	40	-	40	40
Other Services/Contracts	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Training	53	-	50	50	-	50	50
Supplies	5	-	10	10	-	10	10
Total, Non-Personnel Services	\$198	\$66	\$208	\$274	-	\$274	\$274
Working Capital Fund	533	542	6	548	-	709	709
Carryover	669	-	1,769	1,769	-	752	752
Grand Total	\$9,261	\$669	\$10,303	\$10,972	\$1,769	\$11,100	\$12,869
FTEs	46	-	47	47	9	51	60

*Includes 2019 Carryover.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) has primary responsibility for the lead-based paint and healthy homes activities of HUD and is directly responsible for the administration of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction program authorized by Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

The mission of the OLHCHH is to provide safe and healthy homes for at-risk families and children by promoting and funding housing repairs to address conditions that threaten the health and safety of residents. As part of this mission, the OLHCHH is involved in coordinating disparate health and housing agendas, supporting key research, targeting enforcement efforts, and providing tools to build sustainable local programs that mitigate housing-related health and safety hazards. The OLHCHH assists States, tribes, and local governments in remedying unsafe housing conditions and addressing the acute shortage of decent and safe dwellings for low-income families.

HUD's mission is critical to achieving the President's vision to ensure that we build back better from public health and economic challenges and address longstanding systemic challenges, including racial injustice, rising inequality, and the climate crisis. HUD's work is essential to improving the quality of life of the American people, and this investment in OLHCHH's salaries and expenses will assist in ensuring that work is able to be done.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2022 President's Budget requests \$11.1 million for OLHCHH, \$800 thousand more than 2021 enacted level. The Budget reflects total funding (carryover and new authority) of \$12.9 million, \$1.9 million above 2021 total funding. This increase will primarily support the staffing gains made in late 2021 to 54 employees and will fund an additional six full-time equivalents (FTEs). The increases in staff will support HUD's request for \$400 million for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant Programs in 2022, a programmatic increase of \$40 million over 2021 enacted funding.

Personnel Services (PS)

The Budget assumes total funding of \$11.1 million for OLHCHH PS to support 60 FTEs. This represents an increase of \$2.8 million from 2021 total funding. The increase in staffing will allow the OLHCHH to adequately provide technical assistance and program oversight to the expected increase in grants to communities for the control of lead-based paint hazards and other health and safety hazards in housing.

Non-Personnel Services (NPS)

The Budget assumes total funding of \$274 thousand for OLHCHH NPS, equal to 2021 total funding.

Working Capital Fund (WCF)

The Budget assumes total funding of \$709 thousand for OLHCHH's contribution to the WCF, \$161 thousand above 2021 total funding. This increase is primarily attributable to the inclusion of end-user devices and wireless support in the WCF for 2022.

KEY OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES

With the deployment of its recent OLHCHH grants management cloud computing system, staff and grantees alike have access to tools for planning, reporting, and evaluation. The use of cloud services for the OLHCHH grants program has reduced the use of HUD servers, increased the stability of the system, and has made the system more accessible to grantees. Enhancements to the system are expected to enable improved programmatic evaluation to determine the Return on Investment for grantees' activities in terms of costs for outreach, assessment, intervention, and evaluation relative to the cost-savings associated with reduced medical costs, lost workdays, and/or lost school days for an individual or household served by the programs.

The OLHCHH-Specific Policy Goals

Priority 1: Expansion of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grants. This function, which covers both lead hazard control work and mitigation of housing-related health and safety hazards through healthy homes production grants and the healthy homes supplements to lead hazard control grants, is performed by the Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Division and the Grants Services Division. Further activities advancing lead hazard control and healthy homes program understanding are demonstrations (and associated evaluations) of testing radon in air of public housing and mitigating elevated levels. Approximately 60 percent of the NPS travel budget is for the Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Division for grantee monitoring visits.

Priority 2: Expanded enforcement of HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule. This function is performed by the Program and Regulatory Support Division.

Priority 3: Technical support and outreach on the Lead Safe Housing Rule, especially its Elevated Blood Lead Level Amendment, and on enforcement of the Lead Disclosure Rule. This function is performed by the Program and Regulatory Support Division. Approximately 10 percent of the NPS travel budget is for the Program and Regulatory Support Divisions on-site monitoring visits.

Priority 4: National Lead Safe Housing Campaign. This function is used to educate key audiences (e.g., housing ownership, maintenance and renovation industries, State and local governments, community development corporations, philanthropies, and the public), about methods and resources available to prevent childhood lead poisoning from housing. Approximately 10 percent of the NPS travel budget is for the immediate Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes identified in the FTE chart above for these educational visits.