

Projected Cost Savings

- Implementation of required enhancements and expanded functionality will yield savings of grantee labor time of 10 percent, and OLHCHH government technical representatives and managers labor time, 15 percent.
- This translates into reducing fully loaded labor costs annually by \$202 thousand for grantees and \$112 thousand for HUD staff, totaling \$314 thousand annually.
- For grantees, this operationalizes as increased number of homes made lead safe and healthy (vs. administrative costs); for OLHCHH, as capacity to monitor increased number of grants within and outside of HHGMS usage.

For additional information regarding HUD’s Information Technology investments, please see the Information Technology Justification.

KEY OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES

The OLHCHH-specific policy goals in the 2023 President’s Budget are identified below:

- **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. An example of additional activities advancing lead hazard control and healthy homes program understanding is the Radon Testing and Mitigation Resident Safety Demonstration (and associated evaluations), which conducts radon testing and mitigation in public housing units. Approximately 60 percent of the NPS travel budget is for the Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Division for on-site grantee monitoring visits, based on assumptions about decreasing pandemic-related travel restrictions.
- **Priority 2: Expanded enforcement of HUD’s Lead Safe Housing Rule.** This function is performed by the Program and Regulatory Support Division and approximately 10 percent of the NPS travel budget is for this Division’s on-site monitoring visits, based on assumptions about decreasing pandemic-related travel restrictions.
- **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, based on assumptions about decreasing pandemic-related travel restrictions.
- **Priority 4: National Lead Safe Housing Campaign.** This function is used 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 for these educational visits, based on assumptions about decreasing pandemic-related travel restrictions.

Strategic Goals:

- **Support Underserved Communities:** The OLHCHH’s Lead Hazard Reduction grants are statutorily targeted to benefitting low-income families, and programmatically, targeted to communities where such families are the most prevalent; the Office’s Healthy Homes Production grants are similarly programmatically targeted to such families and communities.

- **Advance Sustainable Communities:** By controlling residential health and safety hazards in the homes of low-income families in communities with a high prevalence of low income families, the OLHCHH's grants improve the quality of such housing at no cost to the families, thereby facilitating residents' ability to remain in their homes, thus advancing community sustainability; in addition, this in-home work is largely performed by workers from the communities, further supporting their sustainability.
- **Strengthen HUD's Internal Capacity:** The OLHCHH is increasing the program implementation and support capacity of its staff by streamlining its grants application review process, and enhancing its grant monitoring via enhancement of its online grant monitoring tool.