

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## Program Office Salaries and Expenses

### Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2023*	2024			2025**		
	Actuals	Carry Over	Annualized CR	Total	Carry Over	President's Budget	Total
<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$9,262</b>	<b>\$1,706</b>	<b>\$9,018</b>	<b>\$10,724</b>	<b>\$811</b>	<b>\$10,213</b>	<b>11,024</b>
<b>Non-Personnel Services</b>							
Travel	186	-	200	200	-	250	250
Transportation of Things	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent and Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing	18	-	20	20	-	20	20
Other services/Contracts	60	-	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	70	70	-	100	100
Supplies	4	-	10	10	-	10	10
Furniture and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and Indemnities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total, Non-Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$380</b>	<b>\$380</b>
Working Capital Fund	714	-	971	971	-	971	971
Carryover	1,706	-	811	811	-	136	136
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,950</b>	<b>\$1,706</b>	<b>\$11,100</b>	<b>\$12,806</b>	<b>\$811</b>	<b>\$11,700</b>	<b>\$12,511</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>

\*Includes 2022 carryover.

\*\* Includes amounts for 2026 WCF forward funding.

### 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 OLHCHH is to provide safe and healthy homes for at-risk families and children, a program with an inherent environmental justice, and racial and ethnic equity foundation by supporting the identification and mitigation of conditions that threaten the health of vulnerable residents. As part of this mission, 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. 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.

## **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The 2025 President's Budget requests \$11.7 million for OLHCHH, which is \$600 thousand more than the 2024 Annualized CR level. The Budget reflects total funding of \$12.5 million, \$295 thousand below the 2024 total funding level. This Budget will enable OLHCHH to continue to carry out its mission, including through effective administration of the \$350 million requested for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant and contract programs in 2025.

### **Personnel Services (PS)**

The Budget assumes total funding of \$11 million for PS, which is \$300 thousand above the 2024 total PS funding level. This supports 54 full-time equivalents (FTEs) (all Headquarters staff), which is equal to the 2024 total FTE level. The 2025 PS funding level also supports a two percent pay raise.

The OLHCHH's Program Budget sets aside 80 percent of the Lead Hazard Control and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants, and of the Healthy Homes Supplements to those grants, to be allocated pursuant to formulas established by the Secretary. OLHCHH staff who manage the implementation of those grants (primarily in the Office's Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Division) will, accordingly, devote a significant portion of the time they spend for technical assistance to the 2025 grantees of those programs, which is part of their Division's function, to those formula grantees that are not already grantees under the competitive awards process, to assist them in building capacity and implementing their funds as provided under the authorizing statute (P.L. 102-550, sec. 1011) and its associated requirements and policies. Some of the staff time for this shift in technical assistance topics will be made available because of the decrease in time that they will spend reviewing competitive applications for grants under these Budget lines.

### **Non-Personnel Services (NPS)**

The Budget assumes total funding of \$380 thousand for NPS, which is \$80 thousand more than the 2024 total NPS funding level. The \$80 thousand increase supports additional travel and training (including training-related travel) for OLHCHH's grants oversight mission.

### **Working Capital Fund (WCF)**

The 2025 WCF expenses are forward funded in 2024; therefore, the Budget assumes \$971 thousand for forward funding of 2026 WCF expenses. Please see the WCF Congressional Justification for details on current and proposed WCF business lines.

### **Program Office Priorities**

#### **Priority 1: Expanded monitoring 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. Approximately 60 percent of the NPS travel budget is for the Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Division for on-site monitoring visits at grantees in the largest of OLHCHH's programs.

Priority 2: Expanded enforcement of HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule

This function is performed by the Program and Regulatory Support Division. Approximately 10 percent of the NPS travel budget is for this Division's on-site investigatory visits to sites of violations of the rule, which covers lead safety in assisted pre-1978 housing.

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, which covers providing information about lead in pre-1978 housing at sale or lease

This function is performed by the Program and Regulatory Support Division. Approximately 10 percent of the NPS travel budget is for this Division's on-site investigatory visits to sites of violations of the rules.

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 for these educational visits.

## KEY OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES

### Equity

OLHCHH's salaries and expenses funding will be used to support HUD's mission and priorities. This Budget makes an investment toward advancing racial equity and supporting underserved communities and advancing sustainable communities, under the umbrella of its implementing HUD Strategic Objective 4B: *Strengthen Environmental Justice*, to reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

- Support Underserved Communities: OLHCHH's Lead Hazard Reduction grants are statutorily targeted to assist low-income families mitigate lead hazards, and Healthy Homes grants are programmatically targeted to assist that same population to make housing healthy and safe. These grants benefit vulnerable low-income communities as part of the Administration's implementation of the Justice40 Initiative (Executive Order 14008, sec. 223).
- Advance Sustainable Communities: OLHCHH's grants improve the quality of homes in high-risk, low-income communities by controlling residential health and safety hazards at no cost to the families. These mitigation and control efforts advance community sustainability by preventing the displacement of low-income families and children due to such hazards. Additionally, the in-home work is largely performed by workers from the communities being served, furthering community sustainability.

### Operational Improvements

OLHCHH's salaries and expenses funding will be used to increase the efficiency of its staff in conducting its core operations.

Strengthen HUD's Internal Capacity

- OLHCHH is increasing the program implementation and support capacity of its staff by streamlining its grants application review process. The Office is improving the quality of its grant monitoring via enhancement of its online grant monitoring tool, the Healthy Homes Grant Management System used by its grants execution and monitoring staff and by its grantees.
- OLHCHH is participating in the development of a streamlined (and substantially automated) process for consideration and tracking of waivers of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) in regard to its grants covered by the Act. To provide guidance for grantees, their contractors, and HUD staff, HUD has developed and posted a BABA website; it includes a subsidiary site called, "[What if I need a BABA waiver?](#)"