

FY 02 Lead Hazard Control Grantees

City of Springfield
800 East Monroe Street, Room 300
Springfield, IL 62701
Amount of Award: \$2,160,000
Contact: Karen Hasara, Mayor
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Springfield, Illinois

HUD will award the Springfield Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) \$2,160,000 to administer and monitor the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. The City will utilize this first-time grant to:

- Treat homes where children have been diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels;
- Expand existing rehabilitation and weatherization programs to mitigate lead;
- Treat lead hazards in six houses through a qualified nonprofit developer;
- Educate the public on the effects of lead poisoning and initiate activities to reduce lead exposure;
- Build capacity of construction contractors, supervisors and workers;
- Distribute cleaning kits to households where a child has an elevated blood lead level;
- Improve the lead information currently available in housing counseling and home safety programs;
- Provide mini-grants to neighborhood associations within the 14 Census Tract treatment area to teach lead safety awareness;
- Create a Lead Smart Renovators Program to teach safe work practices to maintain employees of apartment buildings, public housing residents, construction tradesmen and for homeowners who do not qualify for the lead-hazard reduction program;
- Begin to screen pregnant females.

In all, the program intends to provide lead hazard elimination work to 286 units.

The City of Springfield will provide \$886,983 in local matching funds.

St. Clair County
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Belleville, Illinois 62220-1624
Amount of Award: \$2,158,687
Contact: John Barcevic, County Board Chairman
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St. Clair County, Illinois

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department (SCCIGD) will utilize \$2,158,687 to make 125 homes lead safe, 60 in East St. Louis and 65 in the remainder of the county. CDBG Operations Incorporated, a subgrantee, will conduct lead reduction efforts in East St. Louis under the supervision of SCCIGD. The Metro East Lead Collaborative will monitor progress of the program, as well as the intracounty partners, to ensure success and make appropriate adjustments. The program will target zip codes where more than 40% of the children at or below age six live, a disproportionate number of old housing stock exists and a high percentage of poverty is apparent. The program will continue its outreach and education efforts in these areas, but will expand blood-lead testing efforts into areas typically assumed to be less at risk. Households where children are found to have elevated blood lead levels will receive priority status for lead hazard control work. The County has integrated lead safe work practices into rehabilitation and weatherization programs, according to the Lead Safe Housing Rule and HUD Guidelines. As a result, these programs will also provide a source of leverage and referral of qualified households for lead hazard control.

St. Clair County will provide \$899,604 in local matching funds.
