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The Honorable Jim DeMartini
Chairman of Stanislaus County
1010 Tenth Street
Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Chairman DeMartini:

HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) recently announced its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, a competitive grant program that is targeted for urban jurisdictions with the greatest lead-based paint hazard control needs. The NOFA was released on May 19, 2009, announcing the availability of \$48 million to eligible jurisdictions. **The deadline to apply for this grant program is July 20, 2009.** The NOFA can be downloaded from the HUD website at http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/09NOFA/FY2009_Lead_Combo_NOFA.pdf.

To qualify for the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, a jurisdiction must contain at least 3,500 occupied pre-1940 rental housing units. According to the 2000 United States Census, used by HUD to determine eligibility, Stanislaus County meets the necessary criterion. Applicants must receive a competitive rating score of 75 or above to be eligible for an award. Grant award amounts shall be up to a maximum of \$4 million per grant for a period of performance of 36 months

Please be aware that applicants must provide a commitment of matching contributions of at least 25% of the federal grant request. An applicant may request a waiver of this commitment, based on financial hardship, but must still commit a match amount of at least 10%. **Please note that the deadline to apply for this waiver is June 23, 2009.** The match may be either in-kind or cash. Applicants are encouraged to leverage additional contributions beyond the required match in order to be rated more highly.

OHHLHC has contracted with Healthy Housing Solutions, Inc. to provide outreach and support services to all eligible jurisdictions considering applying for the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program. Healthy Housing Solutions and its subcontractor, the Children's Health Forum, will be contacting you to provide more information about the grant program and application requirements (e.g., match funds) and invite you to participate in upcoming regional workshops or webinars designed to assist you and your staff in preparing a successful application.

The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program is a valuable resource designed to assist your jurisdiction in reducing lead-based paint hazards in older housing stock and in helping meet the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning. **Again, please be apprised that the deadline for submission of applications is July 20, 2009.** If Healthy Housing Solutions or its subcontractor, the Children's Health Forum, can be of assistance to you during the grant application process, please contact CHF at (202) 347-6143 or visit their websites at www.healthyhousingsolutions.com or www.chf4kids.org. For further information about this contract, you may contact Bill Nellis of HUD at (202) 402-7686 or William.C.Nellis@hud.gov. Best of luck with your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew E. Ammon".

Matthew Ammon
Deputy Director

ATTENTION
FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY
Deadline to Apply: July 20, 2009

On May 19, 2009, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) announced the release of funding for the FY2009 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program. This program assists urban jurisdictions with the greatest lead-based paint hazard control needs in undertaking programs for the identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental and owner-occupied housing units. Under this grant program, the most competitive jurisdictions will receive awards of **up to \$4 million** for direct lead hazard testing and reduction. Applications are due July 20, 2009. The NOFA can be downloaded from the HUD website at http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/09NOFA/FY2009_Lead_Combo_NOFA.pdf.

Eligibility & Application Requirements:

- A city, county, tribe, or state must contain at least 3,500 occupied pre-1940 rental housing units. A state may apply on behalf of one or more of the eligible local jurisdictions if it has an EPA authorized lead-based paint training certification program.
- Applicants who received funding for the requested amount of an FY 2008 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant are **not eligible** to apply for an FY 2009 LHRD grant.
- Applicants awarded a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant under the FY2008 NOFA competition or under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 **are eligible** and are encouraged to apply for the FY2009 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program.
- Communities must use at least 80% of the funds for direct lead hazard control activities, including lead inspections, risk assessments, temporary relocations, and interim control and/or abatement of lead hazards in privately-owned housing occupied by low-income families. Administrative costs may be no more than 10% of the total grant amount requested.
- **Communities must provide a matching contribution of at least 25% of the requested grant amount, unless a waiver is formally requested by June 23, 2009.** Applicants who obtain a waiver must provide a matching contribution of at least 10% of the requested amount.
- Existing OHHLHC grantee applicants must not have received a “red” performance designation for any active grant from OHHLHC for both of the last two consecutive reporting periods prior to the application deadline. All performance deficiencies must be corrected in order to receive additional grant funding in FY2009
- **Completed applications must be submitted by mail to:**

Christine Freeman
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
451 7th Street SW Room 8236
Washington, DC 20410-3000

Recommended Steps to Improve the Quality of Applications:

- All applicants are encouraged to enter into formal arrangements with partners, including grassroots community-based non-profit organizations, faith-based or other community-based organizations.

- Identify match resources of *at least 25%* (or *at least 10%* with a waiver) of the total amount requested. Private, local and state funds may be used for the match, as well as Community Development Block Grants and other federal funds that are considered to be local. It is strongly encouraged that applicants exceed minimum match requirements and secure leveraged funds to enhance your application.
- Submit your application by mail well in advance of the July 20, 2009 due date. Utilize the email notification feature by sending a message to christine.x.freeman@hud.gov when your completed application has been mailed.

What you can expect from our contractor:

Healthy Housing Solutions and the Children's Health Forum are available to assist you with the preparations and submission of your application and to answer any questions that you may have during the application process. Here is how they can help:

- A representative from the Children's Health Forum (CHF) will be **contacting you by phone** to provide information on the FY2009 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, answer questions about the application requirements, and let you know of upcoming informational meeting dates and locations.
- Healthy Housing Solutions will hold **regional workshops** to provide specific information on the grant program and help each potential applicant prepare a successful application. All of the meeting locations and dates are tentative, based on participation. So register early! To register for a meeting or for more information, please contact Dominique Clark at (443) 539-4183.

The meetings will occur from June 22 – July 3. Tentative meeting locations include:

Boston, MA	New York City, NY
Harrisburg, PA	Atlanta, GA
Los Angeles, CA	Annapolis, MD
Houston, TX	

- Healthy Housing Solutions will hold up to 12 **interactive webinars** from June 22, 2009 – July 10, 2009 as an alternative for those who are unable to attend a regional workshop or would like additional information. Dates for the webinars are forthcoming.
- Programmatic experts will be available to provide **technical assistance** to potential applicants by way of scheduled conference calls at any time during the application process. In order to request assistance, contact CHF at (202) 347-6143.
- Healthy Housing Solutions and CHF have prepared case studies of successful lead hazard reduction grant programs and frequently asked questions, such as how to identify match resources, for you to use as a guide when developing your grant application. All of this information is available online and may be sent to applicants upon request.

**For more information about the
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program
contact CHF by phone at (202) 347-6143
or visit www.healthyhousingsolutions.com or www.chf4kids.org**



HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program Workshop

Proposed Workshop Agenda June 22, 2009 10:00am-3:00pm

Agenda Items:

10:00 am	Welcome	Healthy Housing Solutions
10:05am	Background on the LHRD Program	Area GTR
10:10am	Planning for an Application, Program Requirements, Guidelines, and Deadlines	Healthy Housing Solutions
12:30pm	Lunch - Host Agency's Success with LHRD	Hosting Agency
1:00pm	Understanding the NOFA – Breakdown of Rating Factors	Healthy Housing Solutions
2:30pm	Q&A	Healthy Housing Solutions
3:00pm	Conclusion – Participants will be offered one-on-one assistance	

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