

FY 2003 HEALTHY HOMES DEMONSTRATION GRANTEES

Cuyahoga County, Ohio Board of Health

Cuyahoga County Board of Health, in collaboration with Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Department of Public Health, Cleveland Housing Network, Cuyahoga County Department of Development, Environmental Health Watch, the Greater Cleveland Asthma Coalition and Starting Point for Child Care & Early Education, will provide assessments and conduct weatherization and healthy homes interventions for asthma triggers in 100 homes of children suffering from, or at risk of, asthma in Cuyahoga County. Extensive outreach and education will be provided to the residents of units receiving the interventions and also to weatherization contractors, housing technicians, health department personnel, outreach workers, case managers, health care providers and community based organizations.

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Erie County, New York Department of Health

The Erie County Department of Health, in collaboration with Family Medicine Research Institute Of the University of Buffalo, Erie County Department of Social Services, Cortese Brothers Construction, Environmental Education Associates, Buffalo Municipal Housing Court, Erie County, Department of Environment and Planning, Erie County Public Health Laboratory, Housing Opportunities Made Equal and Home Performance Professionals, will assess 700 vacant units of privately owned 1,2,and 3-unit buildings, and provide interventions in 600 of these units. The target population will be property owners and low-income families with children identified through a referral agreement with the Department of Social Services. Targeted outreach will focus on the HUD Renewal Community in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna.

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Mahoning County, Ohio

Mahoning County, in collaboration with St. Elizabeth Health Center, Forum Health, District Board of Health, Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority, YACAC Home Energy Service Program, Applied Systems, Youngstown Community Development Program, Mahoning County Children's Services, and two faith-based organizations, United Methodist Community Center and Beatitude house, will assess and control environmental hazards in 231 housing units of low-income families with children. Units will be made lead safe, code violations will be eliminated and healthy homes interventions performed. The project will train 36 minority and low-income contractors and workers, conduct in-home education to 600 families and expand asthma education programs to medically 300 underserved families with children. The units selected will be comprised of Section 8 vouchers, units earmarked for CDBG-funded rehabilitation projects, and units earmarked for home ownership for low-income families.

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Neighborhood House, Inc. (Seattle, Washington)

Neighborhood House, in collaboration with the Seattle Housing Authority, the University of Washington/Public Health Seattle County Healthy Homes Initiative, District Housing Alliance, Safe Futures Youth Center, Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Centers, High Point Health Clinic and Horn of Africa Services, will adopt a holistic approach and construct 35 asthma-safe homes through the HOPE VI projects of the Seattle Housing Authority. The project will empower residents to take action to improve their own housing through Community Education Mutual Housing Agreements.

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Environmental Services, Children's Environmental Health (Minneapolis, MN)

The City of Minneapolis, in collaboration with the City of Saint Paul/Ramsey County Department of Public Health, Children's Hospital and Health Clinics, Sustainable Resources Center and Greater Minneapolis Day Care Center, will conduct assessments and interventions in 90 homes and 50 day care centers to control allergens, lead, mold and other home-based health hazards. Interventions will focus on ventilation, allergen and moisture control and safety. Tools, such as HEPA vacuums, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and dehumidifiers, will be provided to families and day care providers to maintain cleanliness and control health and safety hazards. The applicant proposes to reach 6,000 individuals through both one-on-one and group communications, workshops and community events. Trainings in Lead Safe Work Practices, Lead Abatement Worker Course, and Lead Abatement Supervisors will be offered.

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NY Indoor Environmental Quality Center, Inc. (Syracuse, NY)

The NY Indoor Environmental Quality Center, Inc., in collaboration with the State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Cornell University, Carrier Corporation, OP-TECH Environmental Service, C&S Engineers, New York State Energy and Research & Development Authority, Central NY Chapter of the American Lung Association, Onondaga County Health Department, Rosenthal & Chadwick, Metropolitan Development Association, InterReligious Council, Southwest Community Center and Girls, Inc., will perform 120 health homes assessments in the homes of asthmatic children. The objective of the project is to correlate clinically significant improvements in respiratory health with the intervention. Intervention strategies include steam cleaning, installing air filtration devices and providing impermeable mattress covers for bedding, as well as Integrated Pest Management services. The project team will train residents in good cleaning practices and other interventions, such as reducing Environmental Tobacco Smoke.

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The Medical Foundation – New England Asthma Regional Council (Boston, MA)

The Medical Foundation, in collaboration with the Boston Public Health Commission, ERT Associates, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Boston Housing Authority and the Boston Urban Asthma Coalition, will assess and provide healthy homes interventions for 100 federally assisted and privately owned low-income housing units in Boston and rural Vermont. IPM services will be provided for an 86-unit building. The applicant will promote the adoption of the Asthma Regional Council (ARC) Guidelines for incorporating healthy housing practices in new construction and rehabilitation projects. Training will be provided to 200 code inspectors, 100 affordable housing professionals, and 70 residents. Outreach will include development and distribution of videos (for the development of model forms and contracts), awareness meetings and newsletters. The applicant will fund one community-based organization to promote Healthy Homes interventions to residents who are seeking affordable housing. The applicant will track the number of housing units constructed or rehabilitated using healthy homes practices in the target areas.

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