

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2022*	2023			2024		
	Actuals	Carryover	Enacted	Total	Carry Over	President's Budget	Total
Personnel Services	\$8,823	\$1,957	\$7,808	\$9,765	\$2,221	\$8,661	\$10,882
Non-Personnel Services							
Travel	42	50	200	250	-	200	200
Transportation of Things	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent and Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing	-	-	20	20	-	20	20
Other services/Contracts	37	-	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	70	70	-	70	70
Supplies	3	-	10	10	-	10	10
Furniture and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and Indemnities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Non-Personnel Services	\$82	\$50	\$300	\$350	-	\$300	\$300
Working Capital Fund	630	-	645	645	126	638	764
Carryover	2,007	-	2,347	2,347	-	1,601	1,601
Grand Total	\$11,542	\$2,007	\$11,100	\$13,107	\$2,347	\$11,200	\$13,547
FTEs	49	10	41	51	11	43	54

*Includes 2021 carryover

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 oversight and enforcement 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 equity foundation, by supporting the identification and mitigation of conditions that threaten the health and safety of vulnerable residents. As part of this mission, OLHCHH coordinates disparate health and housing agendas, supports and conducts key research, targets enforcement efforts, and provides HUD stakeholders with 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 2024 President's Budget requests \$11.2 million for OLHCHH, which is \$100 thousand more than the 2023 enacted level. The Budget reflects total funding (carryover and new authority) of \$13.5 million, \$440 thousand above 2023 total funding. This increase will enable OLHCHH to

effectively support HUD's request for \$410 million for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant and contract programs in 2024.

Personnel Services (PS)

The Budget assumes total funding of \$10.9 million for PS, which is \$1.1 million above the 2023 total funding level. The 2024 level supports 54 FTE, an increase of three FTE above the 2023 total level. These additional three FTE will support OLHCHH's mission to provide technical assistance and program oversight to the expected increased number of grants to communities for the control of lead-based paint hazards and other health and safety hazards in housing. The Budget also supports a 5.2 percent Federal pay raise.

Non-Personnel Services (NPS)

The Budget assumes \$300 thousand in NPS, which is \$50 thousand below the 2023 total funding level. The slight reduction reflects a stabilization of travel requirements, which are projected to be slightly higher in 2023 compared to 2024.

Working Capital Fund (WCF)

The Budget assumes total funding of \$764 thousand for WCF requirements, which is \$127 thousand above 2023 total funding. This level reflects payments for baseline WCF services (including inflationary adjustments and changes in service utilization) and the addition of the End-User Devices, Scanning and Archiving Services business lines.

KEY OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES

OLHCHH-Specific Policy Goals in the 2024 President's Budget

- Priority 1 - Implementation of Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Grants: This function, which covers both lead hazard control work and mitigation of housing-related health and safety hazards, 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 grantee monitoring visits for 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.
- 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 investigatory visits to sites of violations of the rule.
- 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.

Equity

OLHCHH's S&E funding will be used to support its values, including diversity, equity, and inclusion. This Budget makes an investment toward advancing racial equity and supporting underserved communities and advancing sustainable communities.

- Support Underserved Communities: OLHCHH's Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes grant programs benefit low-income families and communities in implementing the Justice40 Initiative (Executive Order 14008, sec. 223).
- Advance Sustainable Communities: By controlling residential health and safety hazards in the homes of low-income families and communities, OLHCHH grants improve the quality of such housing at no cost to the families, facilitating residents' ability to remain in their homes, and advancing community sustainability. In addition, OLHCHH incentivizes the employment of workers from within the communities to conduct this in-home work, further investing in the community's economic wellbeing and sustainability.

Operational Improvements

OLHCHH S&E funding will be used to increase the efficiency of staff in conducting core operations.

- Strengthen HUD's Internal Capacity: OLHCHH is increasing the program implementation and support capacity of staff by streamlining the grants application review process. The office is improving the quality of grant monitoring via enhancement of the online grant monitoring tool, the Healthy Homes Grant Management System, used by grants execution and monitoring staff and grantees.