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Summary of Project Activities:

The primary goals of the HUD funded Healthy Homes program are to 1) decrease exposures to multiple household hazards which contribute to asthma exacerbations and other serious illnesses among children under the age of six in distressed communities of Multnomah County; 2) institutionalize sustainable community programs that promote healthy homes concepts; and 3) collaborate with stakeholders to create policy changes that support healthy homes. These goals will be achieved through:

Mobilizing new and existing public and private resources with a holistic approach to accomplish Healthy Homes Objectives; Fostering cooperation among low-income residents, health care systems, all levels of government, the private sector (profit and non-profit), neighborhood groups, faith-based organizations, and environmental justice groups; Developing relationships with low-income homeowners, renters, property mangers and owners to improve housing through assessment, education, and remediation of physical/structural environmental health hazards. Collecting data to support and drive policy change and demonstrate program effectiveness.

The primary program focus will work with 200 eligible families in multiple types of home environments including: affordable housing, single family home, market rate apartments and multi-family complexes. The program integrates in-home case management activities and targeted community-based education and outreach to promote sustainability of healthy home concepts. The target population consists of children under the age of six with asthma and who live in environmentally distressed homes and communities in Multnomah County.

Partner Organizations:

1. County Government Partners
   Multnomah County Weatherization Program
   Multnomah County Energy Assistance Program

2. City Government Partners
   Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development
   Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement
   Portland Development Commission –Regional Lead Hazard Program
3. Community-Based Organizations
Community Energy Project
Community Alliance of Tenants
Josiah Hill III Clinic
Fair Housing Council of Oregon
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**Product Outcomes/Outputs:**
Outcomes of the Multnomah County Healthy Homes project will include:
Decrease exposure to environmental triggers and improve the appropriate use of asthma medications for 200 low-income families with children under age six who have asthma.
Develop public policy recommendations that improve the health and safety of affordable housing. Increase the knowledge and skills related to healthy homes principles of 685 families, community-based agencies and health professionals.

Enrolled clients will be evaluated six months after the intervention to evaluate the health impact and sustainability of interventions. Outcomes evaluated will include knowledge and skills improvement, health outcomes, the demonstrated sustainability of interventions, number of policies implemented, and the number of people reached with educational efforts.