Healthy Homes Grantees in Region V, Midwest

Name of Grantee: City of Minneapolis, Environmental Management and Safety
Name of Project: Environmental Action for Children’s Health (EACH)
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Project Partners: City of Minneapolis, Pediatric Home Service, St. Paul Ramsey County Department of Public Works, Hennepin County Housing Community Works, and Transit

Summary of Project Activities:

This project will to demonstrate replicable beneficial interventions and promote cost effective preventative measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment that produce serious diseases and injuries to children. Homes will be assessed for air quality, mold and moisture, lead hazards, radon, ventilation, pests and vermin, trip/fall hazards, fire hazards, and other home based hazards. Assessment will focus on ventilation, moisture and safety and interventions designed to reduce asthma triggers and safety concerns in the environment. Assessors will choose from a menu of interventions including: Allergen covers on bedding, Integrated Pest Management to reduce pest allergens, tools for the family (allergen vacuum, mops) to maintain cleanliness, HEPA air filtration, dehumidifiers to reduce moisture, ventilation correction for air quality and moisture reduction, installation of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and correction of trip and fall hazards. Education on housing based environmental and safety issues will be provided to all participants. Work plans will be based on the results of assessment and target the specific environmental hazards found on site.

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Product Outcomes/Outputs:
Outcomes of the EACH XIV project will include:

• 330 healthy homes for Children diagnosed with asthma
• Return on Investment analysis for home interventions

Enrolled clients/properties will be evaluated three months and at one year after the intervention to evaluate the health impact and sustainability of interventions. Outcomes evaluated will include data management, health outcomes, the demonstrated sustainability of interventions, the number of people reached with educational efforts and a return on investment analysis.