

**ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM**

FACT SHEET

1) WHAT IS THE LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM (LHR)?

The LHR is a program to reduce lead paint hazards in privately owned residential structures throughout Onondaga County. Lead hazards are often found on painted window frames, wood siding, and painted doors. Common repairs provided by the program are new windows, doors, and siding. The LHR program is administered by Onondaga County Community Development and funded by the US Department of HUD.

2) WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE LHR PROGRAM?

Participation is on a first come, first served basis to applicants meeting the following requirements:

- Live in homes which contain Lead Paint Hazards.
- Must have a child under the age of six who lives in or spends a significant amount of time in the home.
- Own or occupy a one to four family residential structure.
- Have a current annual gross household income of no more than 80% of the median income for the County. (see chart on reverse side)

Eligible properties:

- Must be protected by a current Homeowners Insurance Policy.
- Must be covered by flood insurance if located in a designated flood zone.
- Have all property taxes and mortgage(s) current.

3) HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE CAN I RECEIVE?

The amount will vary dependent on the scope of the hazards found in the home.

Rental units occupied by tenants meeting the program requirements are eligible to participate in the LHR Program. Property owners may only receive assistance for 2 of their properties within a 24 month period.

To be eligible for the program, the Applicant's household gross income must be **below** the income limit for family size as shown in the table below. (Amounts adjust annually)

| <u>Family Size</u> | <u>Income Limit</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | \$38,750 |
| 2 | \$44,300 |
| 3 | \$49,850 |
| 4 | \$55,350 |
| 5 | \$59,800 |
| 6 | \$64,250 |
| 7 | \$68,650 |
| 8 | \$73,100 |

4) WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS DONE?

Eligible work is determined by a thorough lead paint inspection of your home. The Community Development Housing Inspector, along with an independent contractor hired by Community Development, will perform the inspection according to established standards. Typical lead paint hazard reduction repairs include:

- Window and door replacement
- Exterior Siding
- Porch work

5) WILL THERE BE A LIEN PLACED ON MY PROPERTY? -- YES

Assistance is in the form of a 5-year deferred loan. You must agree to repay 100% of the loan if you do not own and occupy the property as your principle residence during the first thirty-six (36) months following completion of the work. Repayment then declines to 50% between months 36 & 48, and 25% between months 48 & 60. Please call with any questions.

Owners of rental units: If the assisted unit becomes available, you must agree to give preference in renting the unit to low income families with a child under age six for a period of 5 years.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Onondaga County Community Development Division
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