

City of San Antonio
Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program
Grant Application Summary

The City of San Antonio's Green and Healthy Homes Program (SAGHH) is committed to providing quality lead hazard control services and maximizing outreach efforts within the San Antonio community. The SAGHH is implemented by the City's Neighborhood and Housing Services Department (NHSD) whose mission is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the quality of life for residents of San Antonio by providing effective management and delivery of our City's resources for a vibrant future. This proposed grant incorporates strong partnerships between the SAGHH, Head Start, the University Health System, Family Service Association (faith-based, 501 (c)(3)), the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), the national Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, City of San Antonio Department of Human Services, Build San Antonio Green and various community faith-based and non-profit organizations. The City is requesting \$4,600,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

The proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) match totals \$1,693,579 for the 42-month grant period. NHSD will continue to work with Head Start to provide case referrals, follow-up activities, and outreach and education efforts to children suffering from Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs). As with the current grant, the SAGHH will be supported through other housing programs thereby leveraging additional lead funds available for these housing rehabilitation efforts.

The proposed SAGHH grant will conduct lead hazard control activities and address healthy home hazards on 235 owner-occupied and tenant-occupied residential properties. Based on the average of 2.5 children per household, these 235 units are projected to provide lead safe affordable housing for 587.5 children. Units will be identified and referred from community partners and various faith-based community groups which assist in educating the community and providing 150 outreach events for the program. The City will re-engage the San Antonio Lead Task Force, **LeadSafe San Antonio** which supports HUD's strategic goal to "encourage

partnerships between grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations and HUD's traditional grantees” with the ultimate goal of “mitigating housing conditions that threaten health.”

Maintaining the capacity within the organization, NHSD currently has six staff implementing the SAGHH, four state-certified environmental firms, five state-certified environmental contractors, two state certified trainers, and two Promotoras (for outreach/education). This staff complement is knowledgeable of HUD lead hazard control activities and has a track record in meeting performance measures required through similar grants. SAGHH has been awarded seven HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control grants and two Healthy Homes Production grants in the past nineteen years for a total of \$22,550,762.

SAGHH will provide services city-wide. Target Area includes designated Opportunity Zones (OZ) communities certified by the U.S. Department of Treasury on April 18, 2018. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Bexar County is above the state baseline for children with EBLLS in Texas.

San Antonio is a Preferred Sustainable Community. San Antonio is also one of over twenty current Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) sites which instill the same values as the preferred sustainable communities. SAGHH will ensure that work completed with the grant incorporates green and healthy home practices by using appropriate methods and materials such as those that meet Energy Star ratings.

NHSD will utilize the existing processes and procedures for testing and treatment methods by the lead environmental contractors and consultants. Lead contaminated and deteriorating building components on privately-owned residential properties will be replaced as necessary. Lead contaminated wood windows are replaced with Energy Star/”Low E” rated aluminum windows when there is no restriction by the local or state Historic Preservation Office. All lead hazard reduction activities performed by the grant will comply with Title X and any other relevant guidelines and statutes, including but not limited to the Texas Department of State Health Services, HUD, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health

Administration (OSHA). Contractors will be required to periodically screen the blood of exposed workers, and hold safety meetings, per job, with all workers performing interim controls/abatement.

The SAGHH has incorporated green and healthy homes practices with its existing LHRD grant through the award of CDBG funds reserved for addressing hazards within the home and will continue to do so with this grant's Healthy Homes Supplemental. Families may qualify for the following services: lead-based paint hazard control, weatherization, smoke/carbon monoxide detector installation, minor repair or addressing safety issues.

The proposed grant will augment the current efforts by the City of San Antonio to provide safe and decent housing to a targeted segment of the community in the inner city. The City is committed to "embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability by ensuring program compliance" through all aspects of the proposed grant. The current successes through the SAGHH have assisted over 1,337 households with children and more assistance is needed.