

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
FY2023 Lead Remediation and Abatement Grant Program**

Request for Proposal

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, Office of Low-Income Home Energy Program has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the FY2023 Lead Remediation and Abatement Grant Program.

PURPOSE:

In the SFY23 budget, the Murphy-Oliver Administration made an unprecedented commitment of \$180 million to address the ongoing threat of childhood lead poisoning. These funds will be used to fund community-based organizations to conduct lead-safe repairs and energy efficiency improvements in residential units and to build capacity within the Department of Community Affairs and throughout New Jersey to address these hazards through employment opportunities and apprenticeships, training, and provision of seed capital to expedite the entrance of new community-based organizations into the field. Through recruitment of trusted organizations from underserved and disproportionately impacted communities to participation in the NJ Lead Training Institute and seed capital pool, this funding will create new capacity in an equitable way to invest in the improvement of health and remediation and abatement of lead hazards in affordable housing across the state. This Request for Proposals represented the first tranche of this funding, consisting of \$70 million, and will be followed by a second and larger tranche of funding in an additional Request for Proposals prior to the end of the state fiscal year. An additional pool of funding will be available to high-performing agencies, to organizations proposing innovative methods of addressing this issue, and to rapidly respond to emerging issues.

This RFP will provide \$70 million over two years to conduct lead-safe repairs and energy efficiency improvements in residential units built prior to 1978. These funds will be used to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards through encapsulation, replacement, or abatement. Encapsulation and replacement are defined as a set of measures designed to temporarily reduce human exposure or likely exposure to lead-based paint hazards. Lead abatement measures provide a long-term solution to removing lead-based paint hazards from surfaces and components via replacement and/or repair. Priority will be given to proposals that serve areas with the highest level of need, based on the number of children under the age of six with elevated blood lead levels.

SERVICE AREA:

Municipalities or County. A portion of the available funds will specifically be set aside for the following municipalities: Camden, Newark, Paterson, Passaic, and Trenton. Successful applicants must demonstrate need in the municipalities/service areas they propose to serve. Applicants are limited to requesting a maximum of three (3) counties for their proposed service area.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Non-profit 501c (3), and units of local government with experience in administering lead hazard control and/or weatherization assistance programs. All applicants must be U.S. EPA certified Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) firms. If the applicant is not an EPA RRP certified firm, then prior to grant contract execution, the applicant must have the EPA RRP Firm certification.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 or November 15, 2022 or November 18, 2022 at 10:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Attendance at **either one** of the technical assistance sessions is **mandatory**. Applicants who do not attend the TA session will not be permitted to submit an application. Please RSVP by email to Xin "Leo" Li at Xin.Li@dca.nj.gov.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, December 9, 2022 on SAGE. The grant application will be available on **October 24, 2022** on the Department's System for Administering Grants electronically (SAGE) <https://dcasage.intelligrants.com>