



EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet *Groundwork Denver and Northeast Denver Housing Center Denver, CO*

EPA has selected **Groundwork Denver (GWD) and Northeast Denver Housing Center (NDHC) in Denver, CO** for a Targeted Lead Grant.

GWD and NDHC will partner to identify high-risk housing, using an innovative tool developed with previous EPA funding, to target areas of undocumented elevated blood lead levels. This information will help educate health departments in Colorado about potential lead poisoning prevention opportunities.

The project will help meet the city-wide goal of eliminating lead poisoning by 2010 by identifying high-risk houses and controlling lead hazards. By referral to NDHC, the project expects to repair 25 homes, immediately preventing lead poisoning cases for current and future occupants. Additional actions include:

- Conducting 8,800 home surveys to determine lead risk,
- Delivering invitations for blood-lead testing and to receive educational materials to 2,239 homes,
- Performing targeted blood-lead testing for children,
- Conducting 35 full-scale risk assessments of homes,
- Educating 40 health care providers, and
- Referring 25 homes to the state's lead hazard control program for repair.

EPA's Targeted Lead Grants

EPA's Targeted Lead Grant Program funds projects in areas with high incidences of children with elevated blood-lead levels in vulnerable populations. In 2007 the Agency awarded more than \$5.2 Million in grants under this ambitious program. These targeted grants are intended to address immediate needs of the communities in which they are awarded, and will also highlight lead poison prevention strategies that can be used in similar communities across the country.

EPA's lead program is playing a major role in meeting the federal goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning as a major public health concern by 2010, and the projects supported by these grant funds are an important part of this ongoing effort. According to the Centers for Disease Control in 1978 there were 13.5 million children in the US with elevated blood lead levels. By 2002, that number had dropped to 310,000.

For more information about EPA's Lead Program, visit www.epa.gov/lead or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.