



EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet *Greater Detroit Area Health Council*

EPA has selected the **Greater Detroit Area Health Council** for a National Community-Based Lead Outreach and Training Grant.

This program will:

- Support lead poisoning prevention code enforcement and ordinance improvement
- Train landlords and families on disclosing and remediating lead hazards in properties occupied by children under 6 years of age
- Target family support through case management to assure that families and the community are educated and trained on lead poisoning prevention.

This proposal offers a strategy that links the early identification of at-risk pregnant women and infants with intensive efforts to use training and code enforcement as a mechanism for requiring landlords to clean up their homes before at-risk children are poisoned.

This project will focus on two Detroit zip codes where 66% of the children live in houses built before 1950.

EPA's National Community-Based Lead Grant Program

EPA grants are helping communities with older housing reduce childhood lead poisoning. The funds enable communities to educate those at risk, provide lead-awareness training and develop local ordinances aimed at lead abatement.

The National Community-Based Lead Outreach and Training Grants are aimed at promoting efforts to prevent or reduce childhood lead poisoning. In 2007 The Agency awarded more than \$3.1 million in grant dollars to fund this ambitious program. Grant recipients range from city health departments to universities and colleges, community organizations, religious groups, and other non-profit organizations.

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. Projects supported by these grant funds are an important part of this ongoing effort – and we are seeing their effects. By 2002, the number of U.S. children with elevated blood-lead levels dropped to 310,000 from 13.5 million in 1978, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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.