

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

(FY2011 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 187 of 2010)

January 1, 2011

Section 851: The department shall provide a report annually to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on community health, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the expenditures and activities undertaken by the lead abatement program. The report shall include, but is not limited to, a funding allocation schedule, expenditures by category of expenditure and by subcontractor, revenues received, description of program elements, and description of program accomplishments and progress.

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**Michigan Department of Community Health
Healthy Homes Section
Lead Paint Program
Legislative Report**

**Reporting Period: October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010
Report Addressing: Section 851 of PA 187 of 2010**

I. Healthy Homes Section Fiscal Year 2010 Achievements

ACTIVITY	THIS PERIOD	TO DATE
Housing units inspected for lead by MDCH	97	2,436
HUD-funded housing units abated by MDCH	51	1,187*
Housing units abated with other MDCH funding sources	11	531
Lead Safe Home Program applications received by MDCH	242	2,945
Children now residing in lead-safe homes	64	2,238*
Lead Abatement Act Compliance Investigations	247	696**

* Since 1996 ** Since 2000

ACCREDITED LEAD TRAINING COURSE PROGRAMS	NEW THIS YEAR	CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
Lead Inspector Training Programs	1	3
Risk Assessor Training Programs	1	3
Abatement Supervisor Training Programs	0	8
Abatement Worker Training Programs	0	8
Clearance Technician Training Programs	0	0
CERTIFIED LEAD PROFESSIONALS		
Lead Inspector	69	372
Risk Assessor	40	324
Abatement Supervisor	424	1,212
Abatement Worker	70	116
Clearance Technician	0	2
Abatement Project Designer	0	2
Abatement Contractor Companies	113	416

In addition to the above, the following accomplishments have occurred this fiscal year:

The Lead Safe Housing Registry, created and maintained by MDCH, contains Michigan addresses of rental properties that have received lead identification and/or lead hazard control services. The registry received 1,922 inquiries, which represents a 31% increase over the prior year. The website is located at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe.

The Section is in the first year of administering its fifth HUD Lead Hazard Control Program grant with an award amount of \$3,070,000. Two hundred thirty-five Michigan homes will receive the benefits of a lead-safe living environment over a three-year performance period; 62 have been completed to date.

The Section was requested, by members of the Governor's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission, Sustainable Funding Subcommittee, to provide staffing to a group of concerned commission members regarding the lack of state resources to eliminate lead poisoning in children. The state is estimated to have more than 1,400 lead poisoned children (Federal level \geq 20 ug/dL), and 12,000 children under six years that have blood lead levels higher than normal background levels. A recent study by Wayne State University indicates that for each child poisoned at the 5 ug/dL level, the costs in 2009 dollars to society are projected at \$50,065 to \$302,747. Children poisoned at or above 10 ug/dL are projected at \$100,107 to \$435,619. In comparison, the cost to abate lead hazards from a home in Detroit averages \$8,000 to \$15,000. The Committee Members have named their group Safe Homes/Safe Kids: Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Housing. Currently, the Alliance is being hosted by the Michigan Environmental Council. The vision of the Alliance is to create a sustainable funding source to complete the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in Michigan.

There was a significant increase in training and certification numbers this year. It is speculated that this is due to Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP) activities and Detroit's Lead Ordinance (effective January 2010) requiring rental properties to be inspected, repaired, and clearance tested. Contractors may also be looking for new opportunities due to the lack of new home construction.

Section staff has developed a model lead report and instructions for completing a lead investigation that meets Michigan's standards and laws to assist lead investigators employed by local health departments.

The Section hired a full-time Environmental Investigator for childhood lead poisoning cases that become identified in counties that do not have the local public health capacity to respond. Two staffers are now providing this service to Michigan's high-risk families; the Section has conducted 13 investigations this year.

In 2008, the Healthy Homes Section received funding from the Kresge Foundation as a partner in their Detroit Initiative, Getting the Lead Out. The Section was awarded a \$55,000 grant to support job training among low- to moderate-income Wayne County residents in the lead industry to increase the capacity within the city to address lead hazard identification and control activities. The grant has financed the training of 106 residents.

The Section also operates a low-cost lead training program for low- and moderate-income individuals and local health department staff performing home investigations for lead poisoned children. During this year, 54 individuals have been trained. Since the inception of the stipend program, 978 students have received sponsored training by the Healthy Homes Section. The Section

will discontinue this program in the new fiscal year for the general public due to budget constraints; funding will remain available to local health departments.

II. Healthy Homes Section Program Elements

The Healthy Homes Section functions to address the reduction of lead-based paint poisoning and the promotion of healthy homes throughout the State of Michigan. Goals include: 1) the administration of various funds to abate lead-based paint hazards in high risk housing units across the state; 2) public and professional education; 3) the certification of lead professionals and abatement contractors, and the accreditation of training providers; 4) the enforcement of the Lead Abatement Act; and 5) assistance to communities pursuing coalition building and outside funding.

III. Fiscal Year 2010 Expenditures

CATEGORIES	EXPENDITURES
Salaries and Fringes	\$632,391
Services, Supplies and Materials	\$287,291
Travel	\$19,784
Lead Abatement Contractors	\$397,272
SEMHA – 6 Full Time Contractual Staff	\$438,764
Ingham County Health Department	\$78,333
Total Expenditures	\$1,853,835

IV. Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues Received

The Healthy Homes Section received \$435,861 in revenues from certification, accreditation and violation fees. A one-time \$50,000 enforcement settlement was received during this period.

V. Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Appropriations Received

FUNDING SOURCES	APPROPRIATED
HUD Lead Safe Home Program	\$1,062,500
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	\$524,100
Healthy Homes Section Program Revenue	\$617,800
Kresge Foundation	\$36,300
Total Appropriated	\$2,240,700