

# CITY OF TUCSON <u>LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM</u> FY 2016-2019

#### **FACT SHEET**

#### WHAT IS THE 'LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM?'

The 'Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP)' is a community effort – administered by the City of Tucson with local agency partners. The program targets lead-based paint and its physiological effects in children under the age of six (6) years. The LHCP is designed to locate and address owner-occupied residential properties found to contain lead hazards. Once such properties are identified, any and all children under the age of six (6) years who reside in or regularly visit these hazardous properties are referred to El Rio Health Center for FREE blood testing. Families may also use their own physicians and/or clinics. Eligible children determined to have 'elevated blood levels' (EBL) will be referred to local health providers for any available treatment and follow-up care.

<u>NOTE</u>: The 'Lead Hazard Control Program' is NOT designed as a comprehensive, housing rehabilitation program, but rather one specifically developed to address the issue of lead hazards. The amount of housing rehabilitation provided, if any, will be strictly limited to those hazardous areas, as confirmed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified staff.

#### WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Once lead hazards are detected in eligible properties, every effort will be made to remove the identified lead hazard. This may require housing rehabilitation services, such as painting, windows, doors, floor covering, stucco work, soil covering, and other necessary work, depending on the extent and location of the lead hazards. In order to allow for the requisite housing rehab to be done safely and properly, the residential occupants may have to relocate for a short period of time during construction. If relocation is necessary, a monetary allowance to help defer cost and inconvenience may be provided to the homeowner.

## WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY IS ELIGIBLE?

In order to be eligible for the 'Lead Hazard Control Program,' a subject property must be located within the City of Tucson boundaries. The subject property MUST have been constructed 'prior to 1978.' The maximum number of structures/units assisted is administratively monitored to ensure program effectiveness.

#### WHAT ARE THE INCOME GUIDELINES FOR THE LHCP PROGRAM?

A resident household's gross annual income must not be above the following guidelines, as set forward by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): <a href="http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html">http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html</a>

### \* \* \* SUMMARY \* \* \*

- Property must be located within City limits.
- Property must be built prior to 1978 (priority will be given to owner occupied housing).
- Property taxes and mortgage must be current.
- Property must be free of delinquent liens.
- Child under six (6) years of age must reside in or 'regularly' visit the property.
- Income limits apply: <a href="http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html">http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html</a>

\*\*\*Please apply online as only online application will be accepted: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/paint

For additional information, call Ray Quihuis (837-5336), Karla Timmons (837-5334) or Scott Wilson (837-5318) at Housing and Community Development/Planning and Community Development Division.

For those homeowners **WITHOUT** access to the internet, please contact the Susana Cerda at # (520) 837-5346 for a Reasonable Accommodation Form.

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