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LHAND offering grants for lead paint abatement

LYNN - The Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND) is offering city residents grants of up to \$8,000 to be used as part of a comprehensive lead paint abatement program.

LHAND is administering a \$2 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant the city received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant runs for three years and LHAND has a goal of de-leading 100 units in that time.

Through this program, qualified applicants can receive up to \$8,000 per unit for lead abatement, which will make property safe for children while potentially increasing its value.

"Our hope is to reach as many residents as we can who can take advantage and utilize this funding," said LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta. "This program further reaffirms Mayor (Judith Flanagan) Kennedy's and the City Council's commitment to providing decent, safe and affordable housing for all Lynn residents while ensuring that low-income families no longer have to choose between a lead safe environment for their children and housing they can afford."

The program is committed to providing lead paint and soil abatement in 100 units, blood lead screening, economic and training opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and businesses, and will provide primary prevention services in the form of outreach and education to Lynn's most vulnerable populations.

This funding, combined with other local, state and federal resources in the amount of \$752,119, will strengthen the foundation of existing efforts and provide the impetus and resources needed to begin a sustainable, community-wide effort to combat the effects of childhood lead poisoning.

To take advantage of this opportunity or for more information, contact Patricia Costa at LHAND at pcosta@lhand.org or 781-581-8624.

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