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# HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Fall Newsletter Edition

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## News from the HUD OLHCHH Director - Matt Ammon



### Hello from the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH)!

Greetings from OLHCHH and welcome to the Fall edition our newsletter *Inside Healthy Homes*.

We're proud to announce the 10 recipients of the HUD Secretary's Awards for Healthy Homes 2022! Our recipients have distinguished themselves by their commitments to creating healthier and safer home environments across our nation.

This month, we observe National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. While we have made significant progress, we know that this work matters and that we cannot do this work alone, and by partnering with local communities, non-profits, philanthropy, community-based organizations and for-profit companies and businesses, we will continue to focus on local

solutions, since improving communities starts with one neighborhood, one home, and one family. By creating and implementing programs and policies that address poor housing quality and environmental justice, we can help ensure that everyone can reach their full potential.

Thank you for your support,

Matt Ammon

## In The News

### Ten Recipients of HUD Secretary's Awards for Healthy Homes 2022 Announced!



HUD presents the Awards each year to showcase the efforts of programs/agencies addressing a range of housing and indoor environmental health hazards. In 2022, in recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OLHCHH, recipients were selected for their successful and sustained work in the Lead Hazard Control area since the office's inception in 1992. Awards were made in four categories: OLHCHH Lead Hazard Control Grantees; Research and Policy Development; Partnerships; and Advocacy. The recipients have been recognized for their efforts in creating holistic programs to address lead as well as other housing related health and safety hazards.

The recipients are being honored for their efforts to:

- Build and sustain local coalitions and partnerships to address health and housing related issues,
- Create highly innovative approaches and solutions in addressing an array of healthy homes issues,
- Advance local programs in communities, by developing creative housing policy/programs and in their implementation; and
- Clearly demonstrate health improvements and measurable impacts on target audiences.

The awards will be presented in Baltimore, MD, on October 19, 2022, to honor our Awardees. There will be follow up coverage after the event.

A list of the Awardees can be found at

[www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/Listing\\_of\\_2022\\_HUD\\_Secretarys\\_Awards\\_for\\_Healthy\\_Homes.pdf](http://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/Listing_of_2022_HUD_Secretarys_Awards_for_Healthy_Homes.pdf)

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## HUD OLHCHH Highlights

### National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2022



This year's rollout of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 23-29, involved close collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our aim is a "one government" approach in terms of federal messaging across platforms, highlighted by "*Get the Facts-Get Your Home Tested-Get Your Child Tested.*" Key products are the [Information Kit](#) and [Sample Social Media Package](#). These materials were disseminated beginning in early September and are on our website below.

Mark your calendars for October 27. OLHCHH will hold a webinar "**Tackling Lead in Housing-HUD Moves Forward.**"

The registration link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3914480623779441677>

For more information about NLPPW '22, please visit our website at [www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes/nlppw](http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/nlppw)

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## Grant Announcements and Updates

OLHCHH recently announced multiple grant funding opportunities and awards. Please click on the following links to read more on the grant announcements, including a listing of full recipients and application deadlines.

### [HUD ANNOUNCES \\$40 MILLION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT FAMILIES FROM HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS](#)

The Healthy Homes Production Grants are intended to transform communities by fixing older housing, preserving affordable housing, and improving communities and the health of children and families in these communities. ***Applications for the grant program funds are due Tuesday, October 18, 2022, by 11:59pm ET. For more information on the HHP grant, including full eligibility requirements, [click here](#).***



### [HUD AWARDS OVER \\$125 MILLION TO PROTECT FAMILIES FROM LEAD AND OTHER HOME HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS](#)

The Lead Hazard Reduction Grants are for lead rehabilitation in low-income housing. To read more on this award, including a full listing of recipients, [click here](#).

[SECRETARY FUDGE ANNOUNCES \\$15 MILLION TO HELP OLDER AMERICANS AGE IN PLACE-](#) The funding opportunity, made available through [HUD's Older Adult Home Modification Program \(OAHMP\)](#), will assist experienced nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and public housing authorities in making functional home modifications repairs and renovations for low-income elderly homeowners. To learn more, [click here](#).

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## Grantee Information

### Healthy Homes Resources to Assist in Disaster Recovery

Hurricanes Ian and Fiona have devastated parts of Florida, Puerto Rico, and many other areas. Mold, asbestos, lead-based paint, polluted water, unsafe conditions, are common health risks posed by storm damage homes.

Many homeowners don't realize that improper restoration methods can worsen, or even cause, some hazards after a natural disaster. Working with experts within the disaster recovery community, OLHCHH developed a range of materials to support recovery. Many of these helpful publications are in Spanish. The materials target homeowners, volunteers, restoration professionals, employers, and workers.



For more information, you can go to this link:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes/disasterrecovery](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/disasterrecovery)

Other Resources:

Disaster Recovery for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/DisasterRecovery-PR011521.pdf>

Mold: [https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/IEPWG\\_MOLD\\_CONS.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/IEPWG_MOLD_CONS.PDF)  
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*Have a story to share? Want to highlight your grant outreach programs in the next newsletter?*

*Please email the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) at [OLHCHH@hud.gov](mailto:OLHCHH@hud.gov)*

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## OLHCHH Educational Outreach

**Get Connected. Stay Connected.**



OLHCHH's Educational Outreach program is dedicated to eradicating housing related problems that can affect the health of children and families; by developing and implementing an outward-facing communications strategy for raising awareness about lead and other possibly preventable health and safety hazards in homes.

Since OLHCHH serves a diverse audience, within both the stakeholder and public sectors, outreach tools must reflect these evolving needs and best practices.

To learn more about the range of outreach materials for diverse audiences, please visit  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes/outreach\\_materials\\_publications](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/outreach_materials_publications)

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## Did You Know?

### **Steps You Can Take for Making Homes Ready for the Fall**

With the change of seasons, it is once again time to prepare our homes for cold weather. Just as we like to go inside and stay warm during the winter months, so do pests that have been outside all summer. The fall is another time to visually evaluate your home for ways pests, including rodents and insects, can enter your home as well as ways you can protect your home and make it a little more energy efficient for the winter. Here are some basic suggestions:

- Service your Heating system. Know what kind of heating system you have and service it appropriately. Change furnace filters, check for air in steam heating radiators, clean radiators and baseboard fin tubes to remove dust.



- Outdoors, inspect and clean your gutters and remove plant debris from around your foundation. If it is unsafe for you to reach the gutters have a professional do this work. Clean gutters and removal of plant debris from around the home can lessen harborages for rodents.
- Inspect the outside of your home for any openings. Seal gaps and penetrations with caulk or foam to seal out air leaks and pests.
- Check your outdoor hose bibs. Turn off the water on the inside of the home and open the outside valve to drain water so it will not freeze and burst a pipe.
- Check the operation of and change the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector if they are not permanent 10-year batteries.

## Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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