

Lead Hazard Control Assistance

Assistance to reduce the lead hazards in your home is available as a grant. The maximum amount an applicant can receive through the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette's Lead Hazard Control Program is **\$8,000 per home**.

Assistance is available **based on your income**.

Read below to determine if you qualify for the Lead Hazard Control Program.



Assistance Available Based on Income

In order to qualify for assistance, applicants must make **less than the amounts shown** in the following table:

Family Size	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
Annual Income Limits (80%)	\$36,750	\$42,000	\$47,250	\$52,500	\$56,700	\$60,900	\$65,100	\$69,300

Note: These income limits are updated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Potential applicants should check with The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania for current income limits as they may be changed without notice.

How do I determine my Income?

All income for **all adult household members** received during a **12-month** period must be counted. **All income sources below must be included:**

- Gross wages and salaries - before payroll deductions, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, and bonuses.
- Net income from the operation of a business or profession including rental of real or personal property.
- Interest, dividends, and other income from family assets.
- Full amount of periodic payments received from Social Security after deductions of Medicare premiums (including social security received by adults on behalf of minors or by minors intended for their own support).
- Payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, workman's compensation, and severance pay.
- Periodic and determinable allowances - such as alimony and child support payments, and regularly recurring contributions or gifts received from person not residing in the dwelling.
- Income received from annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts, including a lump sum payment for the delayed start of a periodic payment.
- All regular pay, special pay, and allowances of a member of the armed forces who is head of the family of spouse, whether or not that family member lives in the unit.
- Any earned income tax credit to the extent it exceeds income tax liability.

About the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette (RACF) has successfully administered housing rehabilitation programs for over 39 years. Since 1975, the RACF has facilitated aid to over 1,500 households utilizing local, state, and federal resources. These resources are critical to enabling the rehabilitation of households, thereby inhibiting blight and resident displacement.

Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Partners:

- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) | newpa.com
- Pennsylvania Department of Health | dsf.health.state.pa.us
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | hhs.gov
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) | hud.gov
- Fayette County Township Supervisors and Boroughs and Fayette County, Pennsylvania - Board of Commissioners | co.fayette.pa.us



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Lead Paint Hazard Control Program

A program administered by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, PA



LEAD POISONING

Have Your Kids Tested and Your Home Inspected



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About the Lead Hazard Control Program

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette's **Lead Hazard Control Program** provides financial assistance to families with children (ages six years and younger) to make home improvements that will create a lead-safe environment for their family.

Assistance, which is provided in the form of a grant, is available up to **\$8,000 per home**. It is intended to prevent childhood lead poisoning and alleviate future lead poisoning in those children whom already have elevated blood lead levels.

With this assistance, the reduction of lead hazards in your home is completed by a certified worker who is trained to control and reduce lead hazards. As indicated in the adjoining panels, there are a number of repairs and modifications which may be implemented in order to control or reduce lead hazards.

This program is assisted with funds from the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**'s **Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program** and the **Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)**.



Program FAQs

Who qualifies for assistance?

Any owner-occupant or renter who meets the program's income guidelines (see chart on reverse of this page). Applicants may own or rent their home, and it must be their principal residence. A copy of an executed and recorded deed is needed to verify homeownership. Renters with a child (age 6 and under) with an elevated blood level, may also apply. Applicant's must also have satisfactory credit, be current on all property taxes and mortgage payments, have a current homeowners insurance policy, and cannot have an open bankruptcy.

How much do I have to pay?

Because this assistance is a grant, you are not required to pay an application fee. If the grant does not cover the necessary improvements to bring your home up to compliance with local building codes, then you may apply for additional funding, which may be available through this Authority's Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program.

What can I expect if I apply?

After being approved for this program, a Rehabilitation Inspector will conduct an inspection and risk assessment of your home to identify lead-based paint risks. Your children may also be tested for elevated blood lead levels. Then, lead hazard control work will be performed. Your family may be temporarily relocated during this time. Once the work is completed, your home will be cleaned, and dust-wipe clearance tests will be performed to insure that all lead dust particles have been removed.

What work may be done?

Only health and safety hazards related to lead will be addressed through this program. (**no remodeling**)

Some examples of repair work include:

- Replacement or repair of items such as doors and windows.
- Correction of problems with water infiltration that can cause paint deterioration and potentially increase lead levels.
- Addressing chipping or peeling paint.

Who does the work?

The inspection and risk assessment will be performed by a certified and licensed Risk Assessor. The work will be performed by the contractor of your choice, whom is approved and certified in lead hazard safety procedures. Once the work is completed, the certified Risk Assessor will return to perform a final assessment to ensure that all work has been completed and that your home has been cleaned properly.

Is my home/family at risk?

The only way to know for sure is to have a risk assessment performed and have your children tested. If your home was built before 1978, then there is a good chance it contains lead-based paint. Toxic lead particles can be released simply by opening and closing doors, windows and drawers. Lead particles can be released even if the paint appears to be in good condition. Even just a few toxic particles are enough to cause damage.



Lead Hazard Facts:

You can get lead in your body by **breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.**

Even children who seem healthy may still be at risk.

Lead poisoning symptoms are hard to identify and can resemble the cold or flu.

Lead exposure can harm unborn children.

Lead is more dangerous to children than adults because:

- They often put their hands and other objects in their mouths, which can have lead dust on them.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.

Undetected, children with high blood lead levels can suffer from:

Brain and nervous system damage

Behavior and learning problems (such as hyperactivity)

Slowed growth

Hearing problems

Headaches

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