BREAKING NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR BOBBY SANCHEZ

Dear New Britain Property Owner(s):

Children are our future and deserve every opportunity to grow in a healthy environment. That is why my administration is working to help residents and landlords reduce the chances of lead-based paint exposure in houses built prior to 1978 through the Healthy Homes New Britain program.

Poisoning from lead is hard to detect until dangerous amounts have accumulated in our body. Health risks include headaches, abdominal pain, fatigue, high blood pressure, anemia, developmental delays, kidney dysfunction, and brain damage – our children are the most vulnerable.

If you are an owner or renter living in a property built prior to 1978, it is important for you to be aware of the potential hazards associated with lead-based paint and to take the necessary action to address these hazards.

The City's Department of Planning & Development is offering a forgivable loan to qualified property owners. The monies are from a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development grant and matching funds from the City. As long as program guidelines are met, **no payments are ever required from you**.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Lead-based paint in housing is the major remaining source of exposure and is responsible for most cases of childhood lead poisoning today.
- Childhood lead poisoning causes reduced intelligence, low attention span, reading and learning disabilities, and has been linked to juvenile delinquency, behavioral problems, and other adverse health effects.
- Lead is highly toxic and affects virtually every system of the body.
- At high levels, lead may cause anemia, hearing loss, encephalitis (swelling of the brain), convulsions, coma and death.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program has specific participation requirements.

ALL PROPERTIES MUST BE:

- Residential
- Built prior to 1978
- Located in the City of New Britain

NEW BRITAIN HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Healthy Homes New Britain Program, will help address the removal of lead-based paint from homes constructed prior to 1978.

Staff from the City's Department of Planning & Development in partnership with the Health Department, and CCMC, will administer the program.

Lead consultants have been contracted to provide on-site visual assessments, testing, analysis of samples, risk assessments, preparation of Lead Hazard Plans, and clearance testing.

Qualified "Lead Abatement" Contractors will be hired to address lead hazards by removing/ replacing, encapsulating or enclosing lead-based paint areas with special materials.

The New Britain Health Department will continue to educate parents and youth service providers about the risks and remedies of lead hazards, in addition to conducting screenings at public and parochial schools and day care centers.

FUNDING MECHANISM

- Funds used under the New Britain Healthy Homes Program will be disbursed as forgiveness loans, forgiven in equal amounts annually over a period of 10 years.
- If the property is sold during the 10-year period, the property owner will be responsible for repaying the prorated portion remaining on the loan.
- All forgiveness loans will be secured by a mortgage on the property.
- To assure affordability, deed restrictions and rental restrictions are placed on the property.

SELECTION PROCESS

Priority will be given to applications for properties:

- That are occupied by a child under the age of six with a documented Environmental Intervention Blood Lead Level (EIBLL).
- Where children six or under occupy a unit or spend a significant amount of time in that unit.

Properties and applicants that meet eligibility and underwriting requirements will be placed in the Program on a first-come, first-served basis.

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