

What will it cost NYS to FULLY address Lead Poisoning Prevention by helping kids who have been exposed to lead *and* establishing a rental lead registry?

Local Health Department Funded Activities:

CATEGORY OF WORK	FUNDING NEEDED	STATUS OF FUNDING/REQUESTS	WHAT DOES THIS PRICE COVER IN COST?
HELPING CHILDREN ALREADY EXPOSED TO LEAD (ongoing work)	\$36,377,215	Requested in 2019 due to lowered actionable EBLL from 10 to 5 ug/dL.	LHDs provide environmental and nursing work when a child's lead level tests high for lead. When the EBLL was lowered in 2019, the number of children requiring follow up tripled statewide, but the state did not provide LHDs the funding they need to do the work. \$36M is the estimated unmet cost to implement care coordination, lead inspection, and enforcement activities on landlords for children with actionable elevated blood lead levels. It is important to note that since the pandemic, we have seen the number of children with lead poisoning increase locally due to missed provider appointments during the pandemic.
REFUNDING COUNTIES THAT RECEIVED ADMINISTRATIVE CUTS LAST YEAR	\$2,419,233	Administrative cuts took place in 2022. NYSACHO is requesting for NYS to make 13 counties that lost funding to be made whole in FY24.	Last year, NYSDOH reorganized the formula for CLPPP+ so that more counties received funding, but 13 larger counties lost funding. This money will help to sustain the work that is already taking place for children and families in the LHDs that received cuts.
NEW- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL*	\$19,365,053	This request will fund those impacted counties, based on feedback from the lead program leadership at LHDs.	Under this prevention proposal, LHDs will be responsible for managing a rental registry and spot-checking rental units. 4 public health sanitarians, 4 clerical staff/data entry, fringe expenses for hired staff, supplies, travel EPA certification, hearing officers, XRF machines and wipes.
TOTAL FY 24	\$58.1M	We request this amount in the FY24 Enacted Budget to ensure protection of children. This funding must be placed in the Division of Financial Services budget under already existing lead prevention grants to ensure it gets to local health departments.	

* Impacted Counties Include: Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Dutchess, Erie, Jefferson, Montgomery, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schenectady, Ulster, Westchester.

Support for landlords for Remediation: The Governor's proposed Executive budget includes lead abatement funding (\$18M) in the Division of Housing and Community Renewal Capital Projects budget. NYSACHO recommends that this be established as a zero-interest revolving loan fund for eligible low-income owners as a means of sustaining the fund in future years. This allows access to funding for lead abatement for low-income owners while also assuring that the fiscal responsibility for property maintenance costs continues to reside with the owner rather than the taxpayers.

There is NO amount of funding too LARGE to ensure that families throughout New York State are NOT exposed to the long-term health consequences of lead.

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