

Windham County Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Capacity Building Program

Application and Waiting List

Our program website will host the application process and detailed qualification requirements for grant-funded assistance. The site is currently in development, and we expect these materials to be posted in the coming months.



<https://lead.windhamcountyyvt.gov>

Steering Committee

If you are interested in having a voice in the program, we are in the process of creating a steering committee. These sessions will bring stakeholders together to strengthen grant outcomes through collaborative discussion. Interested in joining? Reach out to:

Lead@windhamcountyyvt.gov and tell us more about yourself.

General Eligibility for Owner Occupied Properties and Rental Property Owners:

Qualifying up to an estimated \$3500 for inspections (LIRA) and up to \$24,366 per unit for lead hazard reduction work.

- Requests 10% property owner contribution.
- Income Requirements: cannot exceed 80% of Windham County's median income.
- Children under age 6 occupied units.

Program Goals

Windham County was awarded \$1,100,000 in Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building funds, which we are using to:

1. **Train and certify contractors** to increase capacity for abatement work in Vermont through free training.
2. Engage property owners- both single-family and multi-unit to **build a pipeline of homes in need of assistance.**
 - If we completed 100 units a year, it would take over 47 years to clean up the existing lead houses in our region.
3. **Encourage lead testing in children aged 1 and 2.**

Lead testing is required in Vermont for ages 1 & 2. In 2024, Windham County has tested 72.8% which is lower than the state average of 85.2%.

Free Lead Hazard Reduction Training:

- **Renovation, Repair, Painting & Maintenance (RRPM)** – Required for anyone who disturbs painted surfaces in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities.
- **Abatement Supervisor and Worker Certifications**- Required for contractors interested in bidding on HUD funded lead hazard abatement projects.

Who Should Take Advantage of Free Courses?

Contractors, homeowners, landlords, parents, childcare providers, and contractors are great candidates for these classes.

Big Picture Priorities:

- Protect low-income rental and owner-occupied housing.
 - Reduce childhood lead exposure and increase testing in children 1 & 2.
 - Support families through education and access to lead-safe resources.
 - A trained workforce is essential for lead-safe housing.
- More training = more certified contractors = more local jobs

Key Questions:

1. How can we best reach low-income tenants and homeowners?
2. How can we best connect with your towns contractors to promote free training and certification?

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