Creating healthy living environments and transforming lives by addressing the conditions in the physical environment of homes, as well as the health and quality of life of the occupants.

The Lead & Healthy Homes Program provides financial assistance (three-year forgivable loan) to pre-1978 single-family and rental residential properties within the city limits:

- occupants meet income guidelines (below 80% area median income)
- have children under the age of 6 reside or visit

The program is designed to address all lead hazards and limited other environmental health and safety hazards, which may include moisture/mold, allergens, contaminants, pests, carbon monoxide, and radon.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- Reduce lead exposed children
- Provide professional lead training and certification
- Increase public awareness and knowledge of environmental health
- Collaborate with partners through the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative to align and coordinate multiple resources to achieve healthy and safe living environments

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HEALTHY HOMES PRINCIPLES

- Keep it dry
- Keep it maintained
- Keep it clean
- Keep it pest-free
- Keep it contaminant-free
- Keep it safe
- Keep it ventilated
- Keep a healthy home

Included in the Lead and Healthy Homes Program is the continuation of a comprehensive healthy homes focus in conjunction with lead hazard activities.

While Dubuque has created over 1,150 lead-safe residences over the last 15 years, rental property inspections have shown that many homes still lack proper maintenance. This causes problems with water infiltration (mold), pest infestation (rodents, cockroaches), and indoor air quality (sewer, radon, carbon monoxide) as well as safety hazards (lack of guard rails, hand rails, smoke detectors) and energy inefficiency (lack of weatherization).

NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF LEAD POISONING

- High blood lead levels are associated with lower IQ and a decline of about 15% in reading and math scores.
- Lead can cause learning disabilities, hearing loss, attention deficit disorder, and behavioral problems.
- Children poisoned by lead are seven times more likely to drop out of school and six times more likely to end up in the juvenile justice system.

BLOOD LEVEL DECREASE FOR CHILDREN 1-6 YEARS*

* This compares to the national average of 1.6% for children 1 - 6 years.

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