

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 11, 2015

Mr. Matt Ammon
Director of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Room 8236
Washington, D.C. 20410

Re: Lead-Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program

Dear Mr. Ammon:

We write in support of the application submitted by the State of Connecticut's Department of Housing for funding from the Lead-Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program for its Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program (CCHHP). With this funding, CCHHP will continue to be a leader in preventing and reducing the risk of lead exposure for children of low-income families in our state.

Exposure to lead at an early age can lead to a variety of serious, potentially long-term health issues. Low-income families often do not have the resources to make their homes lead-safe. CCHHP combats this lack of resources by providing these families with the support and means to prevent and eliminate lead hazards in their homes.

If awarded this grant, CCHHP will immediately provide early intervention and preventative measures to reduce lead hazards for Medicaid-enrolled and other low-income children under the age of six. The program will continue to provide services to children of low-income families in 15 towns and cities across the state. Such services include: risk assessments for lead-based paint hazards, home inspections for unsafe lead levels, low-level interventions to reduce lead dangers, financial assistance to conduct lead removal, relocation assistance for families in homes undergoing remedial reconstruction, and education on the hazards of lead exposure in homes for families and property owners.

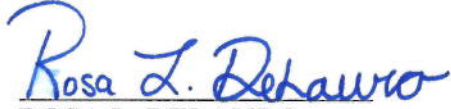
Since 2003, CCHHP has made over 2,120 housing units lead-safe in households where over 1,000 children under six years of age reside. In addition, the program has educated over 37,150 people on measures to prevent lead poisoning and has trained 1,380 people in Lead Safe Work Practices, EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule, and Healthy Homes Essentials and Interventions.

We fully support the application of the State of Connecticut's Department of Housing, and we ask for your consideration of this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



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