



LEAD SAFE WESTCHESTER (LSW)

ACTIVITIES	LSW funds are used to eliminate or control lead-based paint hazards in homes including single or multi-family housing units built before 1978. Eligible activities include assessment of the lead hazards, replacement, encapsulation or rehabilitation of affected surfaces. LSW is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
AREAS	All areas of Westchester County are eligible.
RECIPIENTS	<p>Property owners, including rental property landlords, are eligible if the property and the occupants meet the program requirements. Priority consideration is given to households with a lead-poisoned child under the age of 6. Homes or apartments repaired under LSW must be available for households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), established by HUD.</p> <p>See Westchester County Area Median Incomes (AMI), Sales and Rent Limits to find maximum incomes by family size as posted on www.homes.westchestergov.com.</p>
FUNDS	Funds are granted on a first come, first served basis, and are based on financial need and other criteria required by HUD. Grants of up to \$8,000 for every unit assisted may be awarded for eligible lead-based paint hazard control repairs and improvements. For example, on a 10 unit building, up to \$80,000 could be awarded provided that all of the units meet the program requirements. Larger grants may be available in cases where a lead-poisoned child has been identified.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	A County Rehabilitation Specialist will inspect the property after receipt of a complete application. The Specialist will develop construction details and bid specifications, send them to contractors for bids on behalf of the owners, review the proposals for selection of the lowest qualified bidder, and inspect all work upon the receipt of vouchers for payment.
RESTRICTIONS	<p>Rental Housing: Owners of rental units must agree keep units available to income eligible households for 3 years following completion of the repairs.</p> <p>Ownership Housing: Homeowners must agree to not sell or transfer their homes for at least 3 years following completion of the repairs.</p>
CONTACT INFORMATION	Interested property owners and landlords of properties constructed prior to 1978 should call or e-mail for more information and application: LSW Hotline 914-995-2433 or tka1@westchestergov.com