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Re: Notice of Funds Availability
Housing Assistant for Lead-Safe Living Opportunities (HALLO) Program 2010

The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announces the availability of \$750,000 in funding through the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund and will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2010 under our HALLO Program request for proposals.

The purpose of the Housing Assistant for Lead-Safe Living Opportunities (HALLO) Program is to provide qualified housing case managers to assist households with a child(ren) with an elevated blood lead level (BLL) in locating lead-safe housing.

Currently households with lead burdened children receive case management services from Local Health Departments (LHD). Many LHDs do not have the expertise or the staff available to adequately provide housing assistance to the targeted population. As a result, families are remaining in housing that is not lead-safe; children are remaining in imminent danger of exposure to lead-based paint hazards and/or families are leaving their lead contaminated primary residence for unsuitable, unsafe alternative housing. Families are often making decisions without the benefit of housing counseling and often without a long-term permanent housing solution. The HALLO Program will assist local health departments by providing critical relocation and housing services allowing the local health departments to focus on the medical aspects of the case.

Eligible applicants will be nonprofit (501(c) 3) organizations with an established track record of assisting NJ residents address housing needs, particularly emergency and temporary shelter. Applications must be submitted by 4pm on April 30, 2010 using the DCA SAGE grants management system. Interested applicants can visit <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp> for more information or contact Denise Jones at (609) 292-9539.

Sincerely,

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