

Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (LRAP)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the due date for this RFP?

A: The due date is December 9, 2022 via the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE).

Q: Are agencies allowed to propose one municipality and three counties or are limited to three proposed geographies in total?

A: Applicants are limited to three proposed target service areas in total.

Q: In SAGE, are we to create separate components for lead remediation costs for each separate geography or lump all of our assumed production in one component? Example – if an agency proposes to do 6 units in Essex, 3 units in Cape May and 2 units in Ocean, would this all be one component with one objective or separate components with their own separate objectives?

A: The applicant should not create separate components for each separate geography. The grantee should utilize the objectives section to describe their goals in each area. For the remainder of the application (outreach, experience, etc.), the applicant can detail and respond to each of those sections according to the target service area/areas they propose.

Q: Are staffing costs an eligible cost under this RFP?

A: Staffing costs are allowed costs under this program. The costs for consultants, vehicle purchase and training are ineligible costs.

Q: What is meant by energy efficient improvements in residential units?

A: With the current lead program funds we do have a u-factor rating policy and guidance. When replacing a window containing lead-based paint hazards, the program requires a minimum u-factor energy efficient window to be used in the replacement, thus also improve the home's energy efficiency.

Q: Do applicants have to meet both program criteria's, income eligible and 1-4 family residential property.

A: Yes. Applicants have to meet both income eligibility and property eligibility of being in a 1-4 family residential property but there the program is looking into expanding into multi-family properties not to exceed 7 units.

Q: Are agencies able to rehab a house and then sell it to an income qualified household?

A: No answer at this time.

Q: Will lead assistance program grantees still use Isles' Lead Construction Manager (LCM)?

A: No. Starting in the fiscal year 2022, the LCM is no longer to be provided and paid for by ISLES.

Q: Are lead assistance program grantees responsible for procuring their own contractors?

A: Grantees are responsible to procure their own lead remediation and abatement contractors. The lead evaluation contractors are procured by the Statewide Lead Evaluation grantee, unless the grantee is a municipality/unit of local government that has a certified lead evaluator/risk assessor on staff.

Q: Will we need two different applications if we are applying for a whole County and a City outside that County?

A: No, it can be one application but SAGE lets you select multiple target service areas.

Q: Is NJDCA accepting multiple agencies per county?

A: It is a possibility and it depends on the applications that are received and the target areas that are being proposed.

Q: It says \$13,000 in direct cost that does mean direct cost in the unit or direct cost plus program support as it has been done.

A: It remains the same. \$13,000 allowable average cost per unit with the difference in the average cost and the cost paid to the contractor being the allowable program support draw down.

Q: Are LCM's required or suggested?

A: It is highly recommended, but it is an individual in your staff that will project manage the program and will be trained by Isles but the agency itself will have to pay the salary.

Q: Could a T&TA line item (not coming out of the admin line item) be considered training for the LCM's?

A: The training of the LCM's is coming out of the statewide grant and there is no line item for training in the program for the individual agencies.

Q: Clarification on target service areas, is it statewide or areas specifically mentioned in the slide?

A: The RFP is statewide, but agencies are free to request whatever counties, and municipalities they want but there are funds that have been set aside for specific areas.

Q: Is there any chance that the 2% budget maximum for liability insurance will be increased?

A: Not at this time.

Q: Is the proposed budget going to be for 12 or 24 months?

A: 24 months.

Q: Does this grant address the Lead Safe bill and if so, how?

A: It makes more resources available to the homeowners and tenants who are affected by the bill.

Q: Regarding the budget and the requirements, if we apply for a county for example, Camden, and the county has their own municipality, do we get money from the county and aside for the municipality or just one sum.

A: No, it just means there is a possibility that there will be two grantees being in Camden County.

Q: Do local governments need to provide a list of officers/board of directors?

A: We do not think so.

Q: Will allowable cost be the same for both vacant/unoccupied?

A: Yes, an unoccupied unit will be treated as if it were occupied.

Q: As a nonprofit organization that is not yet certified, how can they take part in this grant?

A: Will have to get the EPA ARP firm certification. For the requirements upload field, submit some documentation that the agency is working on obtaining the EPA RRP Certification. If the applicant is chosen, before grant contract execution, the EPA RRP Firm Certification will be required to execute the grant contract.

Q: Are we eligible to apply if we have the Municipal Lead abatement grant?

A: Yes, but keep in mind that this program is an income-based program.