The truth about lead paint poisoning.

Lead paint is an invisible danger. Some facts about lead poisoning:

- **A million kids are affected by lead paint poisoning** with some level of irreversible damage, such as lower intelligence, learning disabilities and behavioral issues.

- **New cases of childhood lead paint poisoning are diagnosed every year.** Many may go unreported.

- **Research shows that new cases can be directly linked to renovations** where Lead-Safe Procedures were not followed.

- **Adults exposed to lead paint can suffer from high blood pressure, headaches, dizziness, diminished motor skills, fatigue and memory loss.** Even small levels of exposure to lead paint can harm adults.

- It’s not only paint chips that poison. **Contamination can be caused by lead paint dust** that is easily absorbed by anyone who inhales or ingests it.

- **Once poisoned, it’s for life and cannot be fully reversed.**
**Program Eligibility?**

**Eligible Properties:** Must be located in Lewiston-Auburn, in the Target Area (see map), or have identified lead hazards, according to a Maine CDC investigation.

**Income Requirement:** Tenant or single family owner income under 80% of the area median income (51% of all units assisted must benefit residents below 50% AMI). *Check with program for specifics.*

**Occupancy Requirements:** Multifamily units must be occupied by income eligible tenants for 3 years, and documented, after work is completed.

**Ownership Requirements:** Owner must maintain the property in safe condition for 3 years after work is completed.

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**Program Flow -->**

1. Completed Application is submitted to Community Concepts.
2. Application is qualified and sent to the program manager.
3. Initial site visit is scheduled. Feedback from Code Enforcement informs the acceptance of a property.
4. Properties not accepted will be given feedback to get the property into compliance for the program funding.
5. Accepted properties will get a full Lead inspection and Risk Assessment.
6. Designs will be created and the scope of work bid out.
7. Once a bid is awarded, the owner will be informed of the funding breakdown and any match requirements.
8. Owner is expected to contract within 30 days, or verify they are in process for City loan assistance with match funding.
9. Once contracted, the owner is obligated to program guidelines for 3 years.

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**$ Lead Funding $**

**Single Family Property:**

$20,000 maximum grant funding, with owner match for amounts over $20,000.

Must be owner occupied property.

No minimum match required.

Must have child under age 6 at the property.

**Financing Multi Family:**

$10,000 maximum grant per unit, with a minimum match required.

Private match min. is 10% of project cost.

City Loan funded match is min. 15% of project cost, (0% interest on that 15%).

Property must be brought up to code (other funds available to assist if needed).

**Healthy Homes Grant:**

$2,300 per unit (pending availability)

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**Lead Paint Hazard Posting**

![Lead Paint Hazard Posting]

This dwelling contains lead-based paint in a condition which is hazardous to the health of children.

This notice may not be removed until the Department of Health and Human Services states that the lead hazards no longer exist.