



## **Committing \$30,000 to Remove Lead from Homes in Claremont, NH**

The Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity (UVHFH) has launched an initiative to abate lead at residential properties in Claremont, New Hampshire with the overall goal of reducing exposure to lead for households, especially families with children, in Claremont.

Preventing children from coming in contact with lead is crucial for their overall health and development. Lead exposure during childhood can lead to brain damage, growth delays, and slow development, among others. Children can come in contact with lead by inhaling paint chips and dust in buildings and homes with lead paint. To build on previous UVHFH housing improvement efforts in Claremont, the affiliate will commit \$30,000 to reduce lead exposure through a series of three \$10,000 grants awarded to families residing in Claremont.

This project is funded through the generosity of the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation.

### **Eligibility**

Anyone who lives in Claremont, NH and has confirmed lead or suspected lead on their property is encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to applicants who:

1. Have household incomes that is below 80% of the area median income (AMI) (see table below)
2. Live with a child/children
3. Need lead abatement in areas where children spend time (i.e., inside the home, not in a garage or out-building)
4. Will remain in the property for at least two years after the work is completed (for landlords that apply, we ask that for at least two years, you rent to families who meet the above criteria)

Not sure if your house has lead? Buildings built before 1978, with chipping/peeling paint or old pipes are likely to have lead. Read about what puts older homes and buildings at-risk for lead on the EPA website, [linked here \(https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposures-lead#older\)](https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposures-lead#older).

Awardees will be able to choose their own contractor, as long as the contractor has lead abatement license and insurance. If you are a licensed and insured contractor who is interested in performing the work, please email us! UVHFH will provide awardees with suggested contractors.

**Apply Today!**

Those who are interested should complete an application before November 1st, 2020. **The application can be found [here](#)**. After the application period closes, UVHFH will convene a Selection Committee to review applications and make funding decisions. Applicants will be notified of the funding decision by November 13th, 2020.

**Questions?** Contact Eva Loomis, UVHFH Executive Director, [eva@uvhabitat.org](mailto:eva@uvhabitat.org)

**Guidelines to determine whether your household income is below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Claremont, New Hampshire:**

	<b>FAMILY SIZE- Total number of persons living in the household</b>							
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>MAXIMUM COMBINED INCOME</b>	<b>\$47,800</b>	<b>\$54,600</b>	<b>\$61,450</b>	<b>\$68,250</b>	<b>\$73,750</b>	<b>\$79,200</b>	<b>\$84,650</b>	<b>\$90,100</b>