



Lead Poisoning Prevention Continuous Quality Improvement Project Request for Applications (“RFA”)

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

The Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) works with pediatricians, family practice, OBGYN clinics, and blood lead testing centers to improve patient care and clinical practices to screen, detect, report, and manage elevated blood lead levels in pregnant women, children 0-72 months of age, refugees, individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, and those with high risk occupational and hobby exposure. The overall goal of this funding opportunity is to 1) increase the number of blood lead level tests for children at risk, refugees, expectant mothers, individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, and those with high risk occupational and hobby exposure; and 2) prevent other cases of elevated blood lead levels in children. This funding opportunity is from the release date of this RFA through February 1, 2027. Reimbursement will be provided upon full implementation of the project plan, due no later than August 1, 2026, and submission of outcome evaluation, due no later than February 1, 2027. Please read the following application funding guidelines and requirements for more details.

2.0 FUNDING GUIDELINES:

- a. All clinics and blood lead testing centers that offer services to children 72 months of age and younger, refugees, pregnant women, individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, and those with high risk occupational and hobby exposure in Salt Lake County are eligible to apply.
- b. Priority areas for the Lead Poisoning Prevention program are Rose Park, Fairpark, Poplar Grove, Glendale, Copperton, Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake City, Millcreek, West Valley, Taylorsville, and Emigration Canyon.
- c. Clinic and blood lead testing centers can apply for a **maximum of \$2,000**.
- d. Clinic and blood lead testing centers **CANNOT** choose activities that are already implemented in the clinic.
- e. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.
- f. Once submitted, the application will only be approved after a staff member from the Lead Prevention team meets with the clinic to finalize project activities.
- g. Clinic and blood lead testing centers must fully implement the projects by August 1, 2026, to receive reimbursement.
- h. Funding **CAN** pay for the time spent on planning, implementing, disseminating, and evaluating the projects.
- i. Funding **CANNOT** pay for research, equipment, incentives, or direct services such as patient care, co-pay fees, or medication.

3.0 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Submit a timeline of project planning, implementation, and evaluation within 30 days of application approval.
 - i. Project baseline data within 30 days of approved application

Exhibit 1

- ii. Project implementation completed by August 1, 2026, which includes copies of policies and workflows to be implemented
 - iii. 1) Successes and barriers for process improvements and 2) Testing rates post-project implementation completed by February 1, 2027.
- b. Conduct a staff meeting discussing chosen Lead Poisoning Prevention Continuous Quality Improvement project activities that clinic will be focusing on.
- c. Submit required reporting documentation by August 1. This includes dates of:
 - i. Trainings completed
 - ii. Copies of policies and workflows implemented
- d. Communicate regularly with assigned Lead Poisoning Prevention staff member including conducting a kick-off meeting, mid-point meeting, and wrap-up meeting.
- e. Be available for follow-up data requests for up to 5 years.



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CLINIC INFORMATION:

Name of Clinic or blood lead testing center: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Clinic Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Business Designation Type (i.e., LLC, corporation): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Applicant Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Applicant Job Title and Role in Application Projects: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Applicant Phone Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Applicant Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Names and Roles of Other Staff Who Will Be Involved: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROJECTS:

OPTION 1

Lead Testing Continuous Quality Improvement Projects - \$2,000

Required:

- Designate an “Elevated Blood Lead Level Identification Champion” in your clinic.
- Evaluation – Provide a baseline and outcome report of the number of patients tested.
 - Host a “Lead 101” training with clinic Champion who will disseminate information to staff (training to be presented by the Salt Lake County Health Department).

Policies:

- Using a template provided by the Salt Lake County Health Department, adapt and implement a **policy** that ensures the:
 - Screening for elevated blood lead levels
 - Testing on all children who screen positive on the [lead risk questionnaire](#)
 - Adoption and utilization of the [Utah Lead Testing and Treatment guidelines](#)
 - Annual staff training on lead screening and testing procedures for new hires
 - Provision of an after-visit summary to all patients with an elevated blood lead level, including recommendations and prevention education for lead exposure
 - The reporting of all blood lead tests to the Utah Department of Health.

Process Improvements:

- Using a template provided by the Salt Lake County Health Department, adapt a **workflow** process to implement the following:

Exhibit 2

- A screening procedure using the [lead risk questionnaire](#) to identify those at high risk for elevated blood lead levels.
- Blood lead testing on all children who screen positive on the [lead risk questionnaire](#).
- Incorporation of the [Utah Lead Testing and Treatment guidelines](#).
- A workflow process to provide educational materials, through a patient portal or handout on lead exposure sources, prevention, and recommendations.

OPTION 2

Create Your Own - \$2,000

This project selection is intended to be used by clinics who have completed the above-mentioned foundational projects but would like to refine their blood lead testing procedure. You will meet with Salt Lake County Health Department staff to craft your own blood lead testing continuous quality improvement project and outline the required documentation.

Lead Safe Housing Program Training - (Required)

- Host a “Lead 101” training with clinic Champion who will disseminate information to staff (training to be presented by the Salt Lake County Health Department).

The clinic agrees to complete the applicable activities for their clinic and submit the required documentation to leadprevention@saltlakecounty.gov by February 1st, 2027. The clinic agrees to register as a vendor in the Salt Lake County PaymentWorks system if a supplier number has not already been established, to receive payment contingent upon ongoing federal government funding for this program. The clinic agrees to contact Salt Lake County Health Department staff by August 1, 2026, if the clinic will not be able to complete the chosen activities by the deadline.