

HUD to announce funding for lead remediation in Gallup homes

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Officials from Housing and Urban Development announced funding will be made available to the City of Gallup to help in testing and remediating lead from area housing units. The announcement at the Gallup Housing Authority was made Aug. 29.

Lead exposure in older homes poses a significant health and safety threat to children, preventing them from reaching their fullest potential. Progress in reducing blood lead levels in children in the U.S. has been made, but much work still needs to be done to eradicate lead in pre-1978 homes, including those in public housing. HUD has been at the forefront of this work by providing grants to cities, counties and educational institutions to test, remediate and prevent lead and other home health hazards and to research effective treatment protocols.

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The meeting was attended by HUD Albuquerque Field Office Director Lawrence Reyes and Gallup Housing Authority Executive Director Richard Kontz, Gallup Mayor Jackie McKinney and Gallup City Councilors Linda Garcia and Allan Landavazo, who is a Housing Authority Resident Board Member, Housing Authority Board Chair Alfred Abeita, Sr., and public housing residents.