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JACKSON ANNOUNCES \$139 MILLION TO PROTECT THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM DANGEROUS LEAD AND OTHER HOME HAZARDS
Funding targeted to programs to make low-income housing safer and healthier

WASHINGTON - Thousands of children and families in 26 states will live in healthier and safer homes because of more than \$139 million in grants announced today by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson. The grants will help 62 local projects around the country to conduct a wide range of activities including cleaning up lead-based paint hazards and improving living conditions of lower income families (see attached chart).

Through seven grant programs, HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control promotes local efforts to eliminate dangerous lead from lower income homes; stimulates private sector investment in lead hazard control; educates the public about the dangers of lead-based paint; funds model programs that promote healthier and safer home environments; and, supports scientific research into innovative methods to identify and eliminate health hazards in housing.

"Families need a safe and healthy home to raise their kids," said Jackson. "The funding we announce today supports programs that protect children from a variety of health and safety hazards and represents another step toward ending childhood lead poisoning once and for all."

Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs

The funding announced today includes nearly \$123 million to eliminate dangerous lead paint hazards in thousands of privately owned, low-income housing units. These funds are provided through *HUD's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control* and the *Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration* grant programs. In addition, HUD's *Operation LEAP (Lead Elimination Action Program)* will provide \$4 million to encourage private sector contributions that will enable children to grow up in homes that are free from lead-based paint hazards. HUD will also award \$2.3 million in Lead Outreach grants for public education campaigns on what parents, building owners and others can do to protect children. Further, nearly \$1.7 million will assist research to study methods to reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of lead hazard control strategies.

Healthy Homes Initiative

A variety of preventable health and safety hazards threaten children every year. For example, excessive dust or moisture in the home can trigger asthma. Injuries from scalding, electrical shock or carbon monoxide poisoning can easily be prevented with modest home repairs. HUD's *Healthy Homes Initiative* addresses a multiple of these and other childhood diseases and injuries in the home by taking a holistic approach and addresses housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time.

The funding announced today includes nearly \$6 million in demonstration grants to identify and eliminate housing conditions that contribute to children's disease and injury, such as asthma, lead poisoning, mold exposure, and carbon monoxide contamination. HUD is also investing more than \$2.5 million to support scientific research into new ways of identifying and eliminating health hazards in housing.

The following is a breakdown of the funding announced today:

| Program | Award Amount |
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| Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately Owned Housing | \$88,210,750 |
| Healthy Homes Demonstration Grants | \$5,943,553 |
| Lead Technical Studies Grants | \$1,651,460 |
| Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP) | \$3,999,920 |
| Lead Outreach Grants | \$2,287,466 |
| Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program | \$34,528,820 |
| Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grants | \$2,498,242 |
| | \$139,120,211 |

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov and espanol.hud.gov.

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NOTE: Complete individual project summaries are available on HUD's website.

The following is a state-by-state breakdown of the funding announced today:

| State | Grantee | Program* | Amount |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Arizona | City of Phoenix | LHC - Renewal | \$3,000,000 |
| California | Esperanza Community Housing Corporation | HHD | \$975,000 |
| | City of Los Angeles | LHC | \$3,000,000 |

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| | City of Los Angeles | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| | City of Los Angeles | LOR | \$500,000 |
| | Riverside County, Dept. Of Public Health | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | City of National City | HHD | \$996,495 |
| | County of Alameda | LHC - Renewal | \$3,000,000 |
| | San Diego Housing Commission | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | San Diego Housing Commission | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| Colorado | City and County of Denver | LHC | \$1,799,168 |
| Connecticut | City of New Britain | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | City of New Haven | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | City of Waterbury | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Iowa | City of Cedar Rapids | LHC | \$2,652,075 |
| | City of Marshalltown | LHC | \$2,275,427 |
| Illinois | City of Chicago | LHC - Renewal | \$3,000,000 |
| | City of Chicago | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| | City of Rock Island | LHC | \$1,896,834 |
| Indiana | Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County | LHC | \$2,974,839 |
| | Purdue University | HHTS | \$221,325 |
| Kentucky | Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government | LHC | \$2,667,659 |
| Louisiana | Tulane University Health Sciences Center | HHTS | \$627,402 |
| | ACORN Associates Inc. | LEAP | \$1,999,920 |
| Maine | Maine State Housing Authority | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Massachusetts | Commonwealth of Massachusetts | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | President & Fellows of Harvard College | HHTS | \$721,066 |
| | City of Lowell | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Maryland | Coalition To End Childhood Lead Poisoning | LEAP | \$2,000,000 |
| | Baltimore City Health Department | LHRD | \$2,746,574 |
| | National Center for Healthy Housing | HHTS | \$520,096 |
| Michigan | City of Grand Rapids | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| | State of Michigan | HHD | \$989,717 |

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| Minnesota | Hennepin County | LHRD | \$3,782,246 |
| | City of Minneapolis | LOR | \$499,797 |
| Missouri | Kansas City Missouri Health Department | LHC | \$2,749,872 |
| | Kansas City Missouri Health Department | LOR | \$287,669 |
| | Saint Louis University | HHTS | \$408,353 |
| | Saint Louis University | LTS | \$197,301 |
| North Carolina | Research Triangle Institute | LTS | \$313,467 |
| Nebraska | City of Omaha | LHC | \$2,000,000 |
| New York | County of Erie | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | County of Erie | LOR | \$500,000 |
| | Chautauqua County | LHC | \$2,196,257 |
| | City of New York | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | City of New York | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| | City of New York | LOR | \$500,000 |
| Ohio | City of Akron | LHC - Renewal | \$4,000,000 |
| | Case Western Reserve University | HHD | \$983,467 |
| | University of Cincinnati | LTS | \$540,692 |
| Oregon | Multnomah County Health Department | HHD | \$998,874 |
| Pennsylvania | City of Philadelphia | HHD | \$1,000,000 |
| | City of Philadelphia | LHC | \$2,999,628 |
| | City of Philadelphia | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| | City of Philadelphia | LTS | \$600,000 |
| Tennessee | City of Memphis | LHRD | \$4,000,000 |
| Texas | City of Fort Worth | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | Houston Department of Health and Human Services | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Virginia | City of Lynchburg | LHC | \$2,998,991 |
| | Commonwealth of Virginia - Dept. of Housing and Community Development | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Vermont | Vermont Housing Conservation Board | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| Washington | State of Washington | LHC | \$3,000,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$139,120,211 |

LHC - Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

LHC Renewal - Lead Hazard Control Competitive Performance-Based Renewal

Grants

HHD - Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant Program

HHTS - Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program

LTS - Lead Technical Studies Grant Program

LEAP - Operation Lead Elimination Action Grant Program

LOR - Lead Outreach Grant Program

LHRD - Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program

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