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## **Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) is working to reduce lead in the city's aging housing stock**

*BURA is hosting several contractor recruiting events to help in the fight against lead poisoning*

BUFFALO, N.Y. (BURA) – The City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) Department of Housing is recruiting contractors to participate in the Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program.

The program offers income-based lead remediation and repairs to rental homes and owner-occupied homes in the City of Buffalo.

It is for low-to-moderate income households, and targets neighborhoods in the city where there is high occurrence of lead poisoning. Those neighborhoods are the upper west side and Schiller Park areas (zip codes 14213, 14211 and 14215).

The city will pay the contractor to replace windows, doors, paint and make lead-safe improvements in the homes.

Recruitment sessions for contractors will take place at 6 p.m., on June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2393 Main Street in Buffalo. Representatives from Belmont Housing Resources for Western New York, the City of Buffalo Permit and Inspection Services Department and the Safety and Health Training Center will attend the sessions to walk applicants through the process.

BURA is also encouraging Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise to apply. BURA and its partners want to ensure that opportunities are equitably available to everyone in the community.

Lead in a household can be very deadly. It is especially dangerous for children. The qualifications for households participating in the BURA's Lead Hazard Program are the following

- The home must be built before 1978

And either...

- Have a child aged six or younger living inside
- Have a child aged six or younger visiting at least once a week for at least six hours
- Have a tenant who is pregnant or a homeowner living in the home who is pregnant

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The Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) is a public benefit corporation that was formed by an act of the New York State Legislature in 1966. We strive to promote the expeditious undertaking, financing and completion of community development programs and create quality and vibrant urban living in Buffalo through neighborhood driven development projects.