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ACHHD Secures \$4 Million in HUD Grants for Safer, Healthier Housing in Alameda County

Alameda County, CA – January 6, 2025 – The Alameda County Healthy Homes Department (ACHHD) has been awarded **two \$2 million grants** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds will drive transformative initiatives to improve housing safety and public health outcomes across Alameda County.

- **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Expansion Grant:** \$2 million to address lead hazards and safeguard the health of children and families, focusing on high-risk areas.
- **Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP):** \$2 million to enhance safety and accessibility for low-income seniors, enabling them to age in place with greater independence.

“This funding underscores the power of collaboration across our department,” said April Williamson, Director of ACHHD. “Special recognition is due to our Program Development and Community Engagement (PDCE) Section, whose leadership in securing these grants is a testament to their dedication to equitable housing solutions.”

While these grants are a critical step forward, they represent just a portion of what’s needed to address the growing demand for safe and healthy housing in Alameda County. **Many of local families and seniors remain on waiting lists for services, and current funding is insufficient to meet the full scale of need.**

“We are doing our part to make a difference, but the reality is that far too many families and seniors are still waiting for help,” said Mariana Real, Head of the PDCE Section. “This is a call to action for our community and stakeholders to join us in closing the gap. Together, we can ensure that every resident has access to a safe and healthy home.”

You can help expand this vital work by supporting ACHHD’s efforts. To learn more about how you can partner with us or contribute to our mission, visit <https://achhd.org/> or email HHeEngage@acgov.org.