

**Ord. No. 976-2019  
Paint Refund Program**

**Louise V. Jackson, Commissioner  
Division of Neighborhood Services**

**Ordinance Amount:** \$500,000 (General Fund)

**Purpose:** This Paint Program provides a valuable incentive to homeowners and tenants to maintain the exterior of their home and aid in reducing lead based paint hazards. To be eligible, an applicant must be a City resident and live in a one or two family structure that is being painted, and be of either low or moderate income.

**Program Description:**

- The Paint Program provides grants of up to \$1500 for reimbursement of exterior paint and paint supplies for owner occupants and up to \$750 for tenants. The grant will not exceed the cost of the exterior paint and supplies.
- The entire property must be painted to qualify for the reimbursement. Lead regulations must be followed when houses are painted.
- To ensure compliance, a pre-inspection is conducted to verify that the property needs to be painted and that safe work practices will be followed. A certified Risk Assessor or Clearance Technician must do the final clearance exam.
- Final clearance as defined by the regulations is a visual clearance of the work site completed by a State Certified Lead Risk Assessor or Clearance Technician.
- The property must be occupied by an income eligible homeowner or tenant.
- Landlords that own more than 10 rental units are not eligible to participate in the Paint Program.
- Applicant: If the owner resides at the property, he or she must be the applicant and meet the income guidelines.
- Applicants should send their application to the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development,

Division of Neighborhood Services.

**Eligibility and Income Guidelines:** The program is available to income eligible homeowners and tenants.

100% or less of Area Median Income

Number in Household	Maximum Household Income
1 person	\$ 51,600
2 persons	59,000
3 persons	66,400
4 persons	73,700

**Collateral:** The Paint refund is a grant to the applicant. There is no collateral required.

- Vouchers will be issued to an approved applicant to obtain paint and paint supplies.

**Paint Vendors:**

- Any paint supplier who has a location within the City of Cleveland is eligible to apply to participate in the program.
- The paint supplier must attend a meeting in Community Development to review how the program operates and review the terms and conditions for working in the program.
- The paint supplier must be willing to accept a "Paint Voucher" from the applicant.
- The paint supplier must invoice the City of Cleveland once per month for all vouchers that have been received.
- The paint supplier must be willing to accept returns on paint and supplies that have not been used.

**Training:**

- Applicants are required to attend a Lead Safe Practices Training or become RRP certified as described in EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.
- The Community Engagement Specialist will conduct property inspections for program compliance.
- RRP Training will be conducted by an approved trainer paid by the program.

**Importance:** This program provides a valuable incentive to homeowners and tenants to maintain the exterior of their home and displays pride of ownership.