



LEAD TESTING AND REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

For Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities

Program Overview

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's (NDEE) Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program aims to provide funding assistance to schools, local educational agencies, and licensed child care facilities to support their efforts to test for and reduce lead in drinking water. The program is designed to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water. Children aged 6 and younger are the most vulnerable to lead's effects.



Testing

Public, private and parochial schools, and licensed child care programs that wish to sample their drinking water can do so by contacting their local health department to request test kits. Participating health departments have educational material that can support schools and child care programs with interpreting results and guidance on the following steps of action.

Remediation Eligibilities

Eligible recipients for remediation activities must have completed drinking water testing through the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory and include:

- Public schools,
- Private and parochial¹ schools, and
- Licensed child care programs.

Remediation activities include the removal and replacement of:

- Faucets and similar fixtures,
- Water fountains, and
- Water filler stations.

Eligible facilities interested in funds to address lead remediation can contact the NDEE Lead Contact.

¹ Currently private and parochial schools are eligible to receive grant funding by entering into a local agreement with their respective Educational Service Unit (ESU), as the "pass through" agency. The ESU would enter into an agreement with NDEE for the remediation activities of the private and parochial school.

Remediation Award

Recipients receiving this federal funding are required to comply with pre- and post-installation program, state, and federal regulations, which will be detailed in writing to awarded recipients.

Once project remediation activities have concluded, awarded funds will be disbursed on eligible project costs submitted by the recipient for reimbursement.

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Our Problem to Fix.**