

# Rhode Island Attorney General Funds

## Program Fund Goals

- Enhance services for all families seeking improvements to indoor air health and energy affordability in their homes.
- Make Service delivery more effective and efficient and expand the amount of home improvement work available for Providence partners and contractors.
- Demonstrate a GHHI approach to home improvements in a cost-effective, high impact way to reduce chronic health impacts exacerbated by unhealthy indoor air quality.

**Average Cost per Unit:** \$2,250

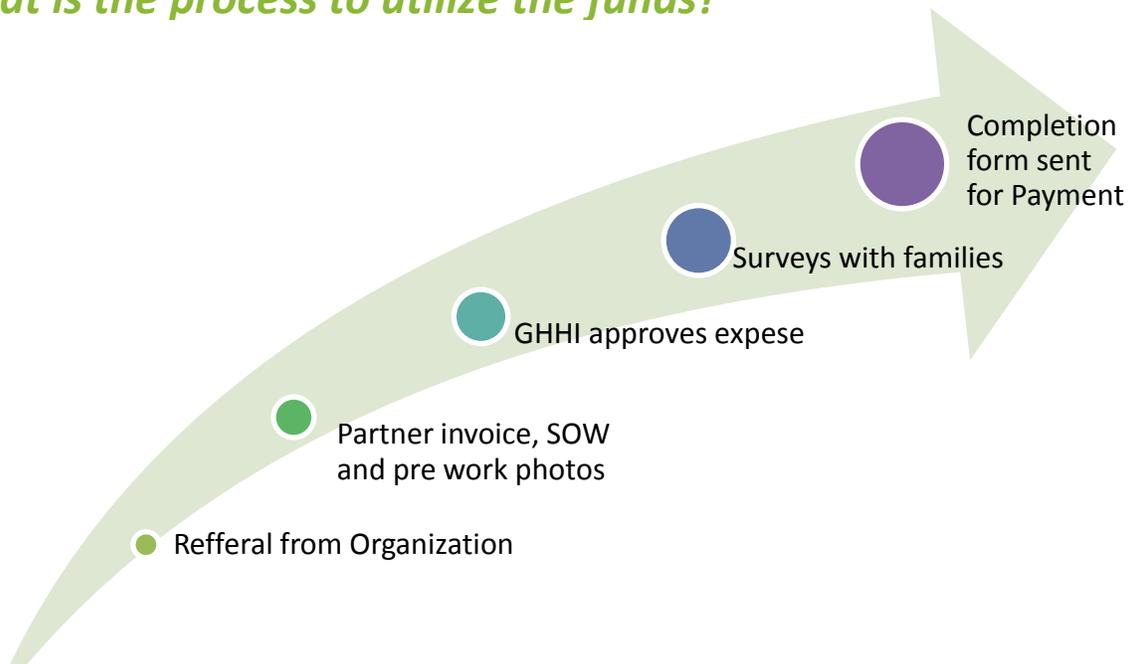
## How can these funds be utilized by partner organizations?

Funds can be used for weatherization and indoor air quality measures interventions for qualifying homes.

Addressing Healthy Home Deficiencies:

- **Asthma Measures** Home Asthma Response Program with educational information to families
- **Weatherization** Units receiving weatherization/energy efficiency interventions are eligible
- **Healthy Housing** Health and safety issues related to existing weatherization work

## What is the process to utilize the funds?



**Our partners:**



**Referring Partners:**

*St. Joseph's Lead Safe Program  
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program  
Community Action Partnership of Providence  
Westbay Community Action  
Comprehensive Community Action Program  
Providence Housing Authority  
DOH HARP Program*

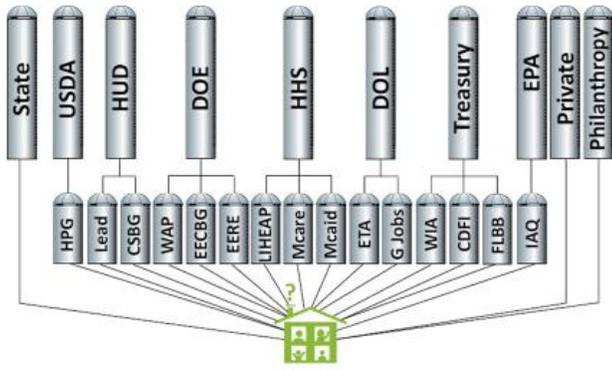
**Families participating in the GHHI program save up to \$700 a year in energy costs—and avoid lost income from missed work or school.**

# GHHI's Approach to Creating Green and Healthy Homes

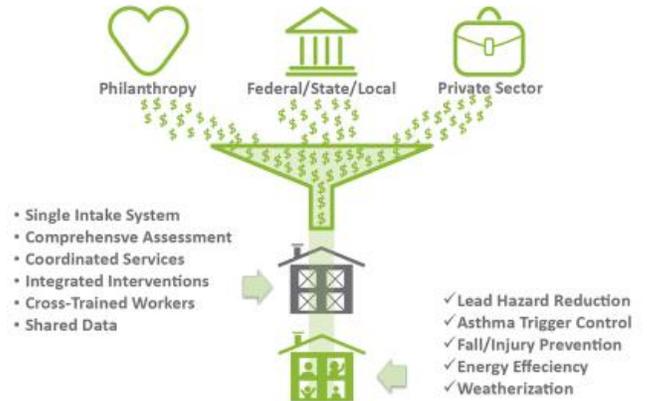
Navigating housing resources can be confusing and daunting for most home owners and tenants.

GHHI Providence attacks this problem from both sides: we coordinate services to help families achieve greener and healthier homes, and we work upstream to align, braid and coordinate local and state policies to promote green and healthy housing.

## Where Do Families Go For Help?



## A Model That Benefits Families



## Who does the GHHI Project reach?



- Families with
- Low to moderate income
  - Children under age 6, or
  - Pregnant women
- Homes built before 1978 (when anti-lead law was passed)

**The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative is a national leader** in the healthy homes movement. With support from our national office, GHHI Rhode Island works to improve unhealthy and inefficient housing to combat the negative costs of chronic environmental health concerns such as asthma, lead-based paint poisoning and trip and falls as well as energy-related costs resulting from non-efficient housing.

## How is GHHI Rhode Island innovative?

### Innovation

**Aligns** healthy housing interventions across public and private agencies



**Braids** funding streams to be more cost-effective



**Coordinates** service delivery to minimize disturbances to families



**Delivers** savings to families, communities, and the state



### Result

#### GHHI Providence partners include:

- RI Housing LeadSafe Program
- Community Action Partnership of Providence
- City of Providence Lead Safe Program and CDBG Funds
- Attorney General's Office funding through GHHI

GHHI Providence leveraged over **\$7.5 million** in services for Providence families through the Phase I Pilot.

Families meet with resident educators in a **one-touch** process to get what they need; instead of struggling through a process that requires multiple applications, follow up and scheduling challenges.

Not only do families save money from energy efficiency improvements, when we remove triggers for asthma, lead poisoning and other home health hazards, children do not miss school and parents do not miss work.