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Radon Special Project - 2009

Public Health Madison and Dane County's (PHMDC) objective with this project is to mitigate radon hazards in housing rented or owned by low income individuals or families. This project will reimburse the participant up to \$1,500 to install a system to reduce radon levels in a Dane County home meeting the following criteria. The home:

- has a radon level of >4 pCi/L in the lowest lived in level.
- has below grade or at grade living spaces; and
- is owned by or rented to low income individuals.

To receive funding, the system installed must:

- · be installed by a certified radon professional and
- comply with radon reduction guidelines found at dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph beh/RadonProt/Radon/epa rms.pdf.

Participants in the program will agree to do the following:

- Test their home on the lowest lived in level with a radon test kit provided by PHMDC. Radon test kits may be obtained from PHMDC at no cost.
- Report test result to PHMDC staff, including documentation that home meets the criteria given above.
- Hire a certified radon professional if the home is found to have a radon level of 4 pCi/L or
 greater to install a system that will reduce radon levels to <4 pCi/L. A list of certified radon
 professionals can be found at dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph-beh/RadonProt/Lists/MitigProf.htm. It is
 recommended that the participant request bids from multiple professionals.
- Prior to installation, submit to PHMDC for review a written plan for installation of the radon mitigation system provided by the certified radon professional.
- After the system is installed, submit a copy of the invoice marked paid in full by the radon professional.

After receiving the invoice and confirming that the above criteria were met, PHMDC will reimburse the participant for the final cost of the system installed up to \$1,500. A total of \$4,500 is available to fund this project. Only one radon reduction system will be covered by each grant. This is a pilot project that will be reviewed by the Board of Health at their December 2009 meeting. Requests for reimbursement can be made only after the Board of Health gives approval for this project.