

CUSP's *Lead-Safe...For Kids' Sake* Grants

About Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP)

CUSP, a partnership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and DuPont, visits cities across the country and teams up with mayors to assist them in creating healthier, safer and more innovative and economically vibrant cities through science-based solutions. The partnership sponsors Science in the Schools days during which DuPont scientists visit local schools to promote science education.

About *Lead-Safe...For Kids' Sake* Grants

CUSP established the *Lead-Safe...For Kids' Sake* Grant Program in 2002 to assist mayors in creating healthier and safer cities by funding critically needed lead-safe practices. In 2002, CUSP awarded a total of \$500,000 to five cities for their lead-safe efforts. Through the 2003 Grant Program, CUSP will award a total of \$750,000 to six cities.

How Cities Are Selected

Mayors prepare and submit a summary of no more than 750 words outlining a proposal to develop new programs to further the goal of making their city lead-safe. This year, eighty-five cities submitted applications for consideration of the awards. In evaluating entries, an independent panel of judges looks for information addressing such critical components as the nature and extent of the need, strategies to leverage funding, education and outreach strategies, and other innovative program elements. Applicants must be members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to be eligible for the grants.

What Award-Winning Mayors and Their Cities Receive

An award for excellence in the amount of \$250,000 will be given to the city receiving the first prize. Awards for distinction in the amount of \$100,000 will be given to five other cities. Recipients can direct their grant funds toward implementation of critically needed lead-safe practices.

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