

Lead Abatement Transformational Project

Originally approved in 2019 to facilitate the reduction of lead exposure in the Toledo area through lead encapsulation and abatement in homes in our community that were built before 1978. Focus on lead paint and water pipes that have been identified as contributing to lead exposure to children. Seek to achieve this through a community effort of paid and volunteer workers who assist in identifying and correcting lead poisoning through encapsulation, as well as community education. After identifying the homes and individuals with high amounts of lead, targeted remedies can be applied.

The City of Toledo's efforts at lead abatement have stagnated due to Covid and challenges to the City's lead ordinance. Rotary needs to bring leaders of business, government and non-profits together with inspectors, contractors, inner-city landlords and residents to discuss what needs to be done about lead abatement and how to implement solutions. Working with an existing non-profit agency or establishing a new non-profit agency to provide a one-stop shop to coordinate lead abatement efforts and assist in obtaining abatement funding is key to this effort. Toledo Rotary needs to identify a core group of members willing to commit to this for several years. We're not talking about a large financial commitment; what we need is a commitment of the time and effort necessary to get things started and to assure that crucial resources are matched with the need.