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**Schenectady Receives \$1 Million Grant for Lead
Hazard Identification and Control Program**

*Schenectady Among 12 Cities Nationwide Selected for Federal
Funding*

Program to Target Children, Homes in Hamilton Hill and Vale

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Brian U. Stratton today announced that the City of Schenectady has been awarded a \$1,036,249 federal grant to fund identification and clean-up hazardous lead paint conditions in 200 Schenectady homes. The grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was among \$31 million in HUD funding awarded to 12 cities in eight states nationwide, including three in New York.

“This grant funding will be applied to the critical need of addressing the life-threatening dangers posed by lead paint, and will further enhance our efforts to improve the quality of life for families in the Hamilton Hill and Vale neighborhoods,” Mayor Stratton said.

Mayor Stratton said the City of Schenectady will work with the Schenectady County Health Department to identify up to 200 residences within the city’s 12307 zip code to test for lead hazards and to perform specific lead level control and prevention measures.

Grant monies will be used to promote lead level testing in small children, conduct lead hazard inspections, provide in-home control measures, and to produce and distribute educational materials about the effects of lead hazards. The program allows for up to \$5,000 per household to cover the cost of interim lead hazard construction control measures in the home for single-family, owner-occupied homes, and up to \$4,000 for multiple-unit rental properties.

“Because the City of Schenectady is among the oldest communities in the nation, there is an even greater need to prevent against serious illness or even death that could result from lead poisoning due to potentially dangerous lead levels,” Mayor Stratton said.

“Schenectady submitted an extremely strong and competitive proposal, and was one of only three cities in New York State and just 12 communities nationally to be approved for grant funding under this important federal program,” Mayor Stratton said.