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**SURVEYS, STUDIES, INVESTIGATIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS  
AND SPECIAL PURPOSE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE  
CLEAN AIR ACT**

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**State Project/Program: TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH –  
ASTHMA PROGRAM**

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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Office of Air and Radiation**

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**N. C. DHHS Confirmation Reports:**

SFY 2019 audit confirmation reports for payments made to Counties, Local Management Entities (LMEs), Managed Care Organizations (MCO's), Boards of Education, Councils of Government, District Health Departments and DHSR Grant Subrecipients will be available by mid-October at the following web address:  
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/audit-confirmation-reports>. At this site, click on the link entitled "Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Year 2018-2019)". Additionally, audit confirmation reports for Nongovernmental entities receiving financial assistance from the DHHS are found at the same website except select "Non-Governmental Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Years 2017-2019)."

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**Brief Description of Program:**

The Guide to Community Preventive Services recommends in-home multi-trigger, multicomponent environmental asthma interventions, especially for children and adolescents with asthma based on strong evidence of effectiveness in improving overall quality of life and productivity, and specifically improving asthma symptoms. Asthma programs in certain communities in NC have demonstrated that these interventions can reduce school absenteeism, emergency department visits, hospitalizations and medical care costs. This one-time funding from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allows the NC Chronic Disease and Injury Section to work with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the Environmental Health Section and the UNC Institute for the Environment to train Local Health Departments in this evidence-based intervention. Further, it allows the Chronic Disease and Injury Section to provide seed funds (that can be used over 2 years or until depleted) for 5 local health departments (Macon, Chatham, Cumberland, Onslow and Jones) to carry out these interventions in these communities. The health departments will (1) identify and pay travel for designated staff to attend one regional Healthy Homes Training; (2) develop a referral system with at least one healthcare clinic; (3) implement evidence-based asthma home trigger assessments; (4) provide education on eliminating asthma triggers; and (5) conduct follow up visits to perform assessments between three to six months after the initial visit.

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**Organizations Funded:**      ☐ Private      ☒ Local Government      ☐ Both

**Source of Funds:**      State \_\_\_\_\_      Federal   X