

Applicant Statement for in-kind Replacement Windows

Statement

One of the principal reasons for replacement windows is that they have been certified by the State of Michigan as being extremely hazardous because of excessive lead concentration. The window paint is badly chipping which places it beyond the stage for paint coverage, as the house was abandoned for more than a decade before we purchased it. The second, and related point, is that several of the windows have been stolen, and otherwise damaged beyond repair because of theft and attempted theft. We have seven children in the home, each one had test results reflecting very dangerous lead levels. The home was left abandoned for many years, and because of shifts in the foundation and facade due to water damage, many windows cannot open freely or are either stuck closed. These factors lead to an over abundance of lead dust around window frames and surrounding areas near the windows, thus creating a toxic home environment for our 7 children.

Description of Work

Each window that has chipping lead paint, missing/stolen windows, and windows that are partially destroyed will be replaced with historically accurate in-kind windows. The windows will be stained back to the original stain and color matched on the interior. The windows will be painted and color matched to the original paint on the exterior. There will be no changes of color, or materials. The windows will be high quality wood windows, replicas of the originals, stained and painted to match color. The original windows will not be discarded they will be retained and safely kept in storage at the house.