

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6942

January Session, 2025



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RADON MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 8-446 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):
- 3 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Healthy
- 4 Homes Fund" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
- 5 General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to
- 6 be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended
- 7 by the Department of Housing for the purposes of:
- 8 (1) Funding of not more than one million dollars, from remittances
- 9 transferred pursuant to section 38a-331 for the period beginning January
- 10 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019, shall be remitted to the
- 11 Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for
- 12 grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate
- 13 vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and
- 14 Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to
- 15 homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville
- section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water infiltration
- 17 or structural damage due to subsidence, and, from remittances
- 18 transferred pursuant to section 38a-331, for the period beginning May 1,
- 19 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, funding not exceeding the actual cost

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of remediation or relocation shall be remitted to the Department of Housing to be used for grants-in-aid for the remediation of structurally deficient foundations in owner-occupied units or the relocation of any owner of any such unit of any condominium associations located in the town of Hamden;

- (2) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in [Connecticut] this state, including, but not limited to, lead, radon and other contaminants or conditions, through removal, remediation, abatement and other appropriate methods. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative expense" means any administrative or other cost or expense incurred by the Department of Housing in carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, the hiring of necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts; [and]
- (3) Funding of not more than one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, from remittances transferred pursuant to section 38a-331 for the period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, shall be remitted to the captive insurance company established pursuant to section 38a-91vv, to be used for the research and development of the report described in section 4 of public act 21-120 and any related administrative expense. Such sum shall not be considered in calculating the total funds allocated or made available to the captive insurance company used for administrative or operational costs pursuant to section 38a-91vv; and
- (4) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in this state relating to radon, through removal, remediation, abatement and other appropriate methods. Any program created pursuant to this subdivision shall be available to low-income households. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative expense" means any administrative or other cost or expense incurred by the Department of Housing in carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,

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- 53 the hiring of necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts 54 and "low-income household" means a person or family with an annual 55 income at or below eighty per cent of the median income.
- (b) The Department of Housing shall notify the Department of Public 57 Health not later than thirty days after the deposit of remittances in the Healthy Homes Fund pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 38a-331. Not later than thirty days after the deposit of 60 remittances pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 38a-331, the Department of Public Health shall notify each municipal health department in the state annually regarding funds available pursuant to the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
- 65 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Housing shall report to the joint standing committees 66 67 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing, planning and development and appropriations and the 68 69 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with section 11-4a, regarding 70 the status of the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to this 71 section and all moneys deposited into and expended by the Department 72 of Housing pursuant to said account. Any such report may be submitted 73 electronically.

This act sha sections:	ıll take effect as follov	vs and shall amend the following
Section 1	July 1, 2025	8-446

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