Several environmental health studies planned at the University of Cincinnati will benefit from $1.6 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Tiina Reponen, a professor of environmental health, received more than $785,000 to analyze the health effects of mold exposure in children under age 6. Her goal is to find a solution to maladies cause by mold, including asthma and allergic rhinitis.

Scott Clark, also a professor of environmental health, won two grants totaling about $500,000 to study the impact of soil lead treatment on dust levels inside and outside homes, and an assessment of lead in dust, soil and paint in homes that have replacement windows or other window treatments.

And Bill Menrath, a senior environmental health research associate at UC, received $328,000 to improve the accuracy of a wipe method to test for settled dust on floors, window sills and window troughs.

The grants were part of $118 million awarded nationally by HUD.

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