



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Request by Public Health Services for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for grant funds in the amount of \$9,000,000, with no required match, for the Integrated Maternal Health Services (IMHS) Program.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 23-2845.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/16/2023	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Public Health Services

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Grant

**Project ID** (if applicable): N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation** (if applicable): N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by Public Health Services for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for grant funds in the amount of \$9,000,000, with no required match, for the Integrated Maternal Health Services (IMHS) Program.

**Background and Discussion:**

The purpose of the IMHS initiative is to improve maternal health outcomes in the U.S. by increasing access to quality, equitable, comprehensive care for pregnant and postpartum people who experience health disparities and have limited access to basic social and health care services. This initiative will work towards achieving this by:

- Fostering collaborative relationships between health care providers, social services organizations/providers, state Medicaid programs, and state and local health departments to coordinate services and improve maternal health outcomes;
- Developing and enhancing maternal health data infrastructure at the maternal health care practice and

population levels;

- Assessing the viability of various models that support integrated health services for pregnant and postpartum people; and,
- Identifying lessons learned for future implementation.

#### Expected Impact:

If awarded, the grant would entail a five-year performance period with budget being awarded annually for up to five years, or \$9 million total. Our goal is to complement the programming available in Harris County Public Health (HCPH) by introducing an integrated care model that supports comprehensive care (including clinical, ancillary, behavioral health, and support services) for pregnant and postpartum people who experience health disparities and have limited access to essential social and health care services. Funding allows HCPH to promote high-quality maternity care through coordinated, evidence-based maternity care management to improve perinatal outcomes in the pregnant Medicaid population. This includes utilizing standardized risk assessments; focus on early entry to prenatal care; care coordination by a nurse, social worker, or other health care professional; standardized care pathways; enhanced access; and patient-centered care.

#### Alternative Options:

N/A

#### Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

#### Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A		

#### Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

#### Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 4 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do <b>NOT</b> write values in thousands or millions)			

Labor Expenditures	\$	\$1,350,000	\$5,400,000
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$450,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	\$	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$7,200,000</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$1,800,000	\$7,200,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$1,800,000	\$7,200,000
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$7,200,000</b>
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** May 16, 2023

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** September 30, 2023

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Notice of funding opportunity