



Legislation Text

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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: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Achievement (if applicable): N/A

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

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval for the Office of Communication, Education, and Engagement to host the inaugural Black Maternal and Child Health Summit on October 21-22, 2022 at the University of Houston-Main Campus in the total amount of \$50,000.00.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County's Black Maternal and Child Health Summit will take place in Houston on October 21 and 22, 2022. For two days, we aim to gather leaders in the field to have open discussion surrounding the state of black maternal health in Harris County, missteps in the health care of black women, and shed light on the urgency to address these missteps head on. The theme of the Summit is "The time is NOW: Understanding Black Maternal and Child Health in Harris County" which will encompass a movie screening of the Hulu documentary "Aftershock" and a Community Day geared towards education and recruitment into the recently approved Black Maternal Health Program. We anticipate approximately 200 in-person attendees from a broad spectrum of professionals and community members. The location and list of speakers is being finalized. University of Houston is a valued partner of Public Health Services and is easily accessible to the population at highest risk for complications.

Expected Impact:

The goal of this Summit is to bring together local agencies and Harris County healthcare providers to discuss strategies and promising practices to decrease the disproportionate morbidity and mortality related to black childbirth. The objective is to have an increased awareness of inefficiencies in current service delivery, introduce Harris County's Maternal Health program, and recruit eligible participants.

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): Precinct 1

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$50,000	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$50,000	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$50,000	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$50,000	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$50,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			

Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 13, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): September 13, 2022

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

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Attachments (if applicable): University of Houston Invoices, Conference Budget