



Legislation Text

File #: 23-2845, **Version:** 1

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

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