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Subject: Notice of Availability of Funds – Competitive Solicitation for State Fiscal Year 2021
(Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program)

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Maternal, Child and Family Health announces the availability of grant funds.

Qualified applicants for grant funds under this initiative may be a local, private, nonprofit, university, research institution, community-based, or government entity. Applicants should have specific experience and capacity to successfully complete the project within the requested timeframe as stated in this competitive solicitation. Additionally, subrecipient(s) should have experience in the following areas: addressing health disparities, racial disparities, maternal health, infant mortality reduction, and social determinants of health.

This is a competitive solicitation. **All interested applicants must submit a Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding (NOIAF – Appendix A) no later than July 13, 2020**, so access to the application via the internet website “ODH Application Gateway” can be established.

To be eligible for funding, all applicant agencies must be 1) a local, private, nonprofit, university, research institution, community-based, or government entity, 2) attend or document in writing prior attendance at Grants Management Information System (GMIS) training and 3) have the capacity to accept an electronic funds transfer (EFT). If an applicant agency needs GMIS training prior to the establishment of access to the application, then a GMIS training form must be submitted (**Appendix B**).

Potential applicants are encouraged to participate in an Information Session to be held via conference call on **Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The conference call is being offered to allow potential applicants the opportunity to discuss the solicitation and learn about the elements of a successful application. Refer the solicitation for more information regarding the Information Session.

All applications, including any required attachments, must be completed and received by ODH electronically via GMIS by **4:00 PM on Monday, August 10, 2020**. Applications received after the due date will not be considered for review.

If you have questions, please contact Reena Oza-Frank at 614-466-4626 or e-mail at Reena.Oza-Frank@odh.ohio.gov.

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Local Public Applicant Agencies

Non-Profit Applicants

COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

100% Deliverable Funding

Revised 09/11/2017

For grant starts 4/1/2018 and thereafter

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I. APPLICATION SUMMARY and GUIDANCE

An application for an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) grant consists of a number of required components including an electronic portion submitted via the Internet website “ODH Application Gateway” and various paper forms and attachments. All the required components of a specific application must be completed and submitted by the application due date. **If any of the required components are not submitted by the due date indicated in sections D, G and R, the entire application will not be considered for review.**

This is a competitive Solicitation; a Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding (NOIAF – Appendix A) must be submitted by July 13, 2020 so access to the application via the Internet website “ODH Application Gateway” can be established.

NEW AGENCIES ONLY or if UPDATES are needed: For non-profit agencies, the NOIAF must be accompanied by proof of non-profit status. Both non-profit and local public agencies must submit proof of liability coverage. Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9), and Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments Form (EFT).

The above mentioned forms are located on the Ohio Department of Administrative Services website at: <http://ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/Forms.aspx>

or directly at the following websites:

- Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9), <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf?portlet=103>
- Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments Form (EFT) http://www.ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/doc/EFT_Payment_Authorization_OBM4310.pdf
- Supplier Information Form http://www.ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/doc/Supplier_Information_Form_OBM5657.pdf

The application summary information is provided to assist your agency in identifying funding criteria:

- A. Policy and Procedure:** Uniform administration of all the ODH grants is governed by the ODH Grants Administration Policies and Procedures (OGAPP) manual and updates in policies that have been posted on the GMIS Bulletin Board. This manual and GMIS Bulletin Board policy updates must be followed to ensure adherence to the rules, regulations and procedures for preparation of all Subrecipient applications. The OGAPP manual is available on the ODH website: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>. (Click on Grant/Contracts, ODH Grants, Grants Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual (OGAPP)) or copy and paste the following link into your web browser: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/~media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/funding%20opportunities/OGAPP%20Manual%20V100-2%20Rev%2010-1-2014.ashx>

Please refer to Policy and Procedure updates found on the GMIS bulletin board.

All budget justifications must include the following language and be signed by the agency head listed in GMIS. Please refer to the budget justification examples listed on the GMIS bulletin board.

Budget Justification Certification language

- Subrecipient understands and agrees that it must follow the federal cost principle that applies to its type of organization (2 CFR, Part 225; 2 CFR, Part 220; or, 2 CFR, Part 230).
- Subrecipient's budgeted costs are reasonable, allowable and allocable under OGAPP and federal rules and regulations.
- The OGAPP and the rules and regulations have been read and are understood.
- Subrecipient understands and agrees that costs may be disallowed if deemed unallowable or in violation of OGAPP and federal rules and regulations.
- The appropriate programmatic and administrative personnel involved in this application are aware of agency policy in regard to subawards and are prepared to establish the necessary inter-institutional agreements consistent with those policies.
- Subrecipient agrees and understands that costs incurred in the fulfillment of the Deliverables must be allowable under OGAPP and federal rules and regulations to qualify for reimbursement.

B. *Application Name:* Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program

- C. Purpose:** In Ohio, an average of 21 women die each year because of pregnancy or delivery complications, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or aggravation of a condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy. Findings from the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), called the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR), indicate that more than half of these deaths are preventable. PAMR uses a maternal mortality review process by which a state-level, multidisciplinary committee identifies and reviews cases of death within one year of pregnancy. The goals of PAMR are to identify and review all pregnancy-associated deaths in Ohio, abstract clinical and non-clinical data into the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA), identify underlying risk factors and gaps in care, enter committee decisions into MMRIA, and make recommendations for systems change to reduce preventable pregnancy-related deaths.

Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Maternal Mortality

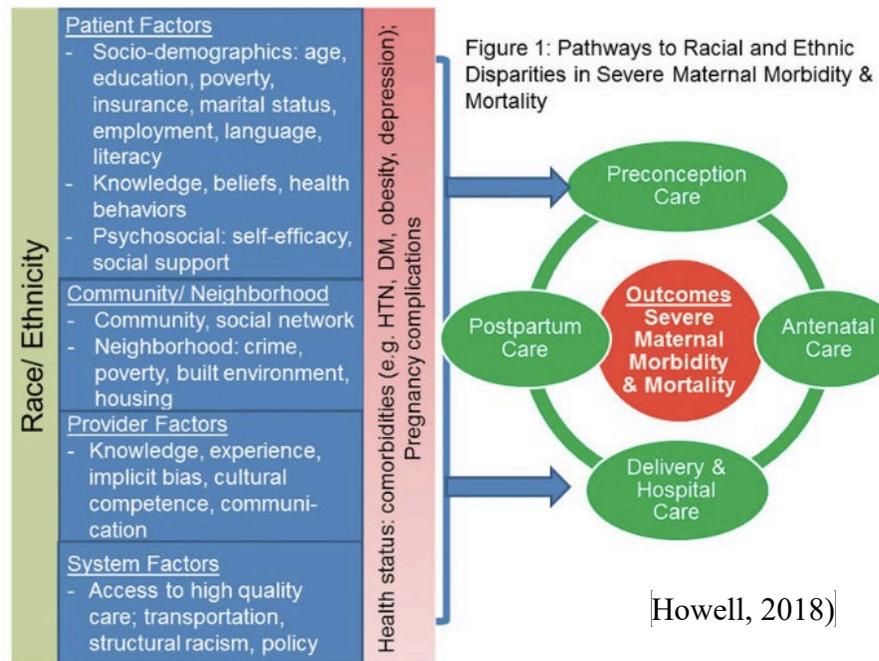
Maternal death disproportionately affects non-Hispanic black women both in the U.S. and in Ohio. Non-Hispanic black women are more than 2.5 times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related death than non-Hispanic white women in Ohio. The pregnancy-related mortality ratio for non-Hispanic black women in Ohio was 29.5 deaths per 100,000 live births compared to 11.5 deaths per 100,000 live births for non-Hispanic white women from 2008 to 2016.

Hemorrhage, pre-eclampsia and eclampsia, and amniotic fluid embolism were underlying causes for slightly more non-Hispanic black pregnancy-related deaths than non-Hispanic white pregnancy-related deaths in Ohio. Though it is important for surveillance purposes to identify and monitor the clinical causes of maternal mortality, viewing pregnancy-related deaths from strictly a physiological perspective fails to address the intersectionality of social determinants of health and life experiences that interact to impact health outcomes.

Different life experiences adversely impact maternal health outcomes among black women compared to white women. Black women experience a higher rate of chronic disease, have unequal access to health care services, health insurance, prenatal care, and experience institutional racism when compared to white women in the US. From implicit bias and discrimination from healthcare providers, to lower quality of care from entire hospital

systems, these injustices occur at all levels of influence throughout the lifetime of black women and persist as they seek maternity and obstetric care. The stress, inequities, discrimination, and bias black women experience throughout their lifetime compound and manifest in the form of harmful and even deadly health outcomes.

In order to work toward eliminating disparities in maternal health among black women, initiatives, programming, and projects must view this public health program through an intersectional and socioecological lens. Figure 1 below depicts Howell’s (2018) conceptual model that describes the interactions of both the clinical and social factors that lead to maternal health outcomes (p. 16). The model demonstrates how the race/ethnicity of a woman directly influences the social determinants of health that she experiences, such as her education, the neighborhood she lives in, her access to culturally appropriate care, and exposure to structural racism. Subsequently these social determinants of health have the potential to positively or negatively impact her overall health, disease status, and well-being before, during, and after pregnancy. This figure provides a visual depiction of the interrelatedness of social determinants of health and maternal health outcomes and offers a way of conceptualizing why black women in the Ohio and the U.S. experience pregnancy-related deaths more than white women.



Socioeconomic and Geographic Disparities in Maternal Mortality

Similarly, maternal health in rural and Appalachian regions of Ohio suffers in comparison to the general population. In Ohio, 38% of the counties belong to the Appalachian Regional Commission. Barriers that are often present in rural regions of the state, such as lack of transportation to healthcare visits, inability to pay for prenatal care due to high poverty rates, and biases from healthcare providers, can prevent women from seeking necessary care to diagnose and treat potential health risks that could negatively impact maternal outcomes. Residents living in the Appalachian region of Ohio often live in maternity care deserts and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA), requiring some residents to drive two to three hours one-way in order to access the healthcare services they need. One study revealed that nearly 9% of rural counties in the U.S. experienced closures in local hospitals that provided

obstetric services in the years of 2011-2014, with approximately 45% of rural counties never having any obstetric services to begin with.

The poverty rate in rural areas of Ohio is 13.6% compared to 13.9% in urban areas. Twelve percent of the population in rural Ohio did not complete high school, whereas in urban Ohio 9.3% did not complete high school. In Ohio, Medicaid offers programs for children, pregnant women, and families with limited income to get health care and from 2008-2016, women insured by Medicaid were 2.4 times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause compared to those with private insurance. Low-income women have been shown to experience depression, obesity, cigarette smoking, chronic high blood pressure, and diabetes more often than the general population, all of which are serious risk factors for life-threatening pregnancy complications. As Figure 1 shows, both clinical and social factors, such as lack of access to appropriate levels of maternity care due to geographic isolation, poverty, and the presence of pre-existing health conditions, compound to decrease maternal health outcomes for those living in rural and Appalachian regions of the state.

References:

- [The Impact of Hospital Obstetric Volume on Maternal Outcomes in Term, Non-Low-Birthweight pregnancies](#)
- [Ohio Rural Healthcare Facilities and Social Determinants of Health](#)

Objectives

The selected subrecipient will be awarded funding to implement innovative and culturally humble initiatives to address racial/ethnic and/or geographic health disparities related to maternal health in Ohio. It is important to uplift the voices of the communities most likely to experience disparities in maternal mortality/morbidity and to support the existing/new interventions in these communities. This solicitation seeks to fund solutions identified by communities to address unmet needs through a disparity-focused, equity lens. Thus, applications that seek to reduce disparities in maternal health through these approaches will be prioritized.

This competitive solicitation seeks to fund the following types of initiatives and interventions:

1) Initiation of evidence-based interventions to connect target population with community resources, to provide individual-level health promotion and health behavior education, to improve evidence-based determinants of maternal health, to build capacity (e.g. leading policy/advocacy efforts, civic engagement, or other technical skills) of local leaders, or increase access to quality healthcare to populations most vulnerable to disparities in maternal health.

- Application must explicitly justify selection of target population to receive the intervention and why they are at risk higher risk to experience disparities in maternal health. Interventions must target appropriate health indicators related to social/clinical determinants of health (See Figure 1; E.g. employment, food insecurity, housing, home visiting, mental health, education, literacy/language, incarceration, social support, access to care, crime/violence, transportation, other).

2) Continuation of existing programs or interventions that have demonstrated success in addressing evidence-based determinants of maternal health.

- Potential programs/intervention can include connecting target population with community resources, providing individual-level health promotion and health behavior education, improving evidence-based determinants of maternal health, building capacity (e.g. leading policy/advocacy efforts, civic engagement, or other technical skills) of local leaders, or increasing access to quality healthcare to populations most vulnerable to disparities in maternal health. Application must explicitly justify selection of target population to receive the intervention and why they are at risk for maternal morbidity/mortality. Interventions must target appropriate health indicators related to social/clinical determinants of health (See Figure 1; E.g. employment, food insecurity, housing, home visiting, mental health, education, literacy/language, incarceration, social support, access to care, crime/violence, transportation, other).

3) Facilitation of a community needs assessment in the form of community listening sessions, in which A) women, families, and friends impacted disproportionately by maternal morbidity/ mortality, and/or B) providers and public health professionals providing direct services to those more likely to experience disparities in maternal health in Ohio, share stories about peripartum experiences-both positive and negative. Based on what is learned from these listening sessions, applicant should then develop a plan to address findings at the community level.

- All proposals should focus on communities most at risk for experiencing adverse maternal health and birth outcomes. ([Resource: Addressing Black Maternal Mortality Rates Starts with Listening to Black Women](#)).

Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health ([AIM](#)) is a national data-driven maternal safety and quality improvement initiative based on proven implementation approaches to improving maternal safety and outcomes in the U.S. AIM has created multiple evidence-based patient safety “bundles” that integrate system-based improvement initiatives to reduce adverse maternal outcomes. Many other states, such as California, Florida, Illinois, and Louisiana, have become “AIM States” and implemented AIM bundles. Ohio plans to apply to become an AIM State in 2020 and implement patient safety bundles to improve maternal health outcomes in Ohio. Subrecipients are encouraged to incorporate the [AIM Reduction of Peripartum Racial/Ethnic Disparities Patient Safety Bundle](#) in their proposed interventions. Applications should explicitly address equitable care and best practices that incorporate the voices of the impacted population.

D. Qualified Applicants: Applicants may be a local, private, nonprofit, university, research institution, community-based, or government entities. Applicant agencies must have the capacity to accept an electronic funds transfer (EFT). If an applicant agency needs GMIS access, then a GMIS access form must be submitted (Appendix B).

The selected subrecipient(s) should have specific experience and capacity to successfully complete the project within the requested timeframe as stated in this competitive solicitation. Additionally, subrecipient(s) should have experience in the following areas: addressing health disparities, racial disparities, maternal health, infant mortality reduction, and social determinants of health. **It is strongly suggested that the applicant agency collaborates with a community-based organization with identified ties to the community they propose to reach.**

The following criteria must be met for grant applications to be eligible for review:

1. Applicant does not owe funds to ODH and has repaid any funds due within 45 days of the invoice date.
2. Applicant has not been certified to the Attorney General's (AG's) office.
3. Applicant has submitted application and all required attachments by **4:00 p.m. on Monday August 10, 2020.**
4. Applicant must demonstrate experience meeting deadlines and successful completion of meeting deliverables over the past three years.
5. Applicant must provide one example of experience completing a project specifically working with maternal health with a focus on geographically (urban and rural) and demographically diverse populations.

E. Service Area: Service areas will be determined by subrecipients using data to describe and justify geographic/demographic area to be served at a census tract(s)/neighborhood level. Applicant must provide a plan for implementation of the activities to occur with a focus on impact and equity.

F. Number of Grants and Funds Available: *The source of funds supporting this program is Federal. One subrecipient will be selected for a one (1) year agreement. Continuing solicitation agreements may be awarded in subsequent years, pending successful completion of competitive solicitation requirements during initial funding year and funding availability. Subrecipient awards will be based on submitted proposals as scored in the proposal evaluation conducted by ODH/State of Ohio.*

The one-year funding total will not exceed \$47,167.00.

Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs must be capped at 25%.

Payment will not be released until expenditure reports and deliverable completion is explicitly demonstrated.

Subrecipient recognizes that certain services covered in this solicitation are vital to ODH and must be continued without interruption. Subrecipient shall be prepared to continue providing such services identified by ODH, during periods of disaster, crisis, or other unexpected break in services based upon a Business Continuity Plan.

An interested parties conference call will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Call-in information is as follows: 614-721-2972 and meeting ID number 695948385#.

No grant award will be issued for less than \$30,000. The minimum amount is exclusive of any required matching amounts and represents only ODH funds granted. Applications submitted for less than the minimum amount will not be considered for review.

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G. Due Date: All parts of the application, including any required attachments, must be

completed and received by ODH electronically via GMIS or via ground delivery ~~4:00 p.m. on Monday August 10, 2020~~. Applications and required attachments received after this deadline will not be considered for review.

Contact Reena Oza-Frank, 614.466.4626 or Reena.Oza-Frank@odh.ohio.gov with any questions.

- H. Authorization:** Authorization of funds for this purpose is the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) 93.478 - Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees*
- I. Goals:** The Ohio Department of Health is soliciting subgrantees to facilitate innovative initiatives to produce direct, measurable improvements in maternal health outcomes. Initiatives must address known drivers of inequities and may include 1) initiating new evidence-based interventions, 2) continuing existing programs or interventions that have demonstrated success, 3) facilitating a community needs assessment in the form of community listening sessions. Potential programs/intervention can include connecting target population with community resources, providing individual-level health promotion and health behavior education, improving evidence-based determinants of maternal health, building capacity (e.g. leading policy/advocacy efforts, civic engagement, or other technical skills) of local leaders, or increasing access to quality healthcare for populations most vulnerable to maternal morbidity/mortality. Application must explicitly justify selection of target population to receive the intervention and why they are at risk for maternal morbidity/mortality. Interventions must target appropriate health indicators related to social/clinical determinants of health (See Figure 1; E.g. employment, food insecurity, housing, home visiting, mental health, education, literacy/language, incarceration, social support, access to care, crime/violence, transportation, other).

The goal of this grant is to fund initiatives and interventions specifically targeting maternal health disparities in Ohio. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding for projects that fill a gap in communities most at risk for experiencing maternal morbidity/mortality. Initiatives that target both clinical and social determinants of health will be considered. ODH intends to allow the subrecipient flexibility to address health disparities at the community level in innovative, creative ways, while still acting as responsible fiscal stewards. Thus, the expectation is that the subrecipient shall propose explicit project goals and objectives, and explicitly describe how they will successfully accomplish the deliverables set forth in this solicitation in Appendix C1 in their applications. Be sure to include regular communication, invoicing, and monthly meetings with ODH project manager as deliverables in the proposal.

- J. Program Period and Budget Period:** The program period will begin October 1, 2020 and end on (September 29, 2024). The budget period for this application is October 1, 2020 through September 29, 2021.
- K. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standard(s):** Identify the PHAB Standard(s) that will be addressed by grant activities. (An example is: This grant program will address PHAB standard 3.1: Provide Health Education and Health Promotion Policies, Programs, Processes, and Interventions to Support Prevention and Wellness.) The PHAB standards are available at the following website:

http://www.phaboard.org/wp-content/uploads/PHABSM_WEB_LR1.pdf

L. Public Health Impact Statement: All applicant agencies that are not local health districts must communicate with local health districts regarding the impact of the proposed grant activities on the PHAB Standards.

1. Public Health Impact Statement Summary - Applicant agencies are required to submit a summary of the proposal to local health districts prior to submitting the grant application to ODH. The program summary, not to exceed one page, must include:

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standard(s) to be addressed by grant activities:

- A description of the demographic characteristics (e.g., age, race, gender, ethnicity, disability status, socio-economic status, educational levels) of the target population and the geographical area in which they live (e.g., census tracts, census blocks, block groups);
- A summary of the services to be provided or activities to be conducted; and,
- A plan to coordinate and share information with appropriate local health districts.

The applicant must submit the above summary as part of the grant application to ODH. This will document that a written summary of the proposed activities was provided to the local health districts with a request for their support and/or comment about the activities as they relate to the PHAB Standards.

2. Public Health Impact Statement of Support - Include with the grant application a statement of support from the local health districts, if available. If a statement of support from the local health districts is not obtained, indicate that point when submitting the program summary with the grant application. If an applicant agency has a regional and/or statewide focus, a statement of support should be submitted from at least one local health district, if available.

M. Incorporation of Strategies to Eliminate Health Inequities

The ODH is committed to the elimination of health inequities. Racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community and Ohio's economically disadvantaged residents experience health inequities do not have the same opportunities as other groups to achieve and sustain optimal health. Throughout the various components of this application (e.g., Program Narrative, Objectives) applicants are required to:

- 1) Explain the extent to which health disparities and/or health inequities are manifested within the problem addressed by this funding opportunity. This includes the identification of specific group(s) who experience a disproportionate burden of disease or health condition (this information must be supported by data).
- 2) Describe how specific social and environmental conditions (social determinants of health) put groups who are already disadvantaged at increased risk for health inequities.
- 3) Specify how proposed program interventions and/or grant deliverables will address this problem.

- 4) Link health equity interventions in the grant proposal to national health equity strategies using the GMIS Health Equity Module. These four items should be incorporated into the grant language in specific areas of the application and not left to the applicant to decide where to insert this information. Also care should be taken to avoid repetition to keep the responses focused and specific.

The following section will provide basic framework, links and guidance to information to understand and apply health equity concepts.

Understanding Health Disparities, Health Inequities, Social Determinants of Health & Health Equity:

*Certain groups in Ohio face significant barriers to achieving the best health possible. These groups include Ohio's poorest residents, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minority groups. Health disparities occur when these groups experience more disease, death or disability beyond what would normally be expected based on their relative size of the population. Health disparities are often characterized by such measures as disproportionate incidence, prevalence and/or mortality rates of diseases or health conditions. Health is largely determined by where people live, work and play. Health disparities are unnatural and can occur because of socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, geographic location or some combination of these factors. Those most impacted by health disparities also tend to have less access to resources like healthy food, good housing, good education, safe neighborhoods, freedom from racism and other forms of discrimination. These are referred to as **social determinants of health**. Social determinants are the root causes of health disparities. The systematic and unjust distribution of social determinants resulting in negative health outcomes is referred to as **health inequities**. As long as health inequities persist, those aforementioned groups will not achieve their best possible health. The ability of marginalized groups to achieve optimal health (like those with access to social determinants) is referred to as **health equity**. Public health programs that incorporate social determinants into the planning and implementation of interventions will greatly contribute to the elimination of health inequities.*

GMIS Health Equity Module:

The GMIS Health Equity Module links health equity initiatives in grant proposals to national health equity strategies such as those found in ***Healthy People 2020*** or the ***National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity***. Applicants are required to select the goals and strategies from the module that best reflect how their particular grant proposal addresses health disparities and/or health inequities. Applicants can choose more than one goal and/or strategy.

For more resources on health equity, please visit the ODH website at:

<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/healthequity/equity.aspx>

- N. **Human Trafficking:** The ODH is committed to the elimination of human trafficking in Ohio. If applicable to the subrecipient program, ODH will give priority consideration to those subrecipients who can demonstrate the following:
 - a. Victims of human trafficking are included in your agency's target population;

1. At-risk population
 2. Mental health population
 3. Homeless population
- b. Agency promotes the expansion of services to identify and serve those affected by human trafficking.

Applicable Not Applicable to Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program

O. Appropriation Contingency: Any award made through this program is contingent upon the availability of funds for this purpose. **The subrecipient agency must be prepared to support the costs of operating the program in the event of a delay in grant payments.**

P. Programmatic, Technical Assistance and Authorization for Internet Submission: *Initial authorization for Internet submission, for new agencies, will be granted after participation in the GMIS training session. All other agencies will receive their authorization after the posting of the Solicitation to the ODH website and the receipt of the NOIAF. Please contact Reena Oza-Frank, 614.466.4626 or Reena.Oza-Frank@odh.ohio.gov*

Applicant must attend or must document in the NOIAF prior attendance at GMIS training in order to receive authorization for internet submission.

Q. Acknowledgment: An Application Submitted status will appear in GMIS that acknowledges ODH system receipt of the application submission.

R. Late Applications: GMIS automatically provides a time and date system for grant application submissions. Required attachments and/or forms sent electronically must be transmitted by the application due date. Required attachments and/or forms mailed that are non-Internet compatible must be postmarked or received on or before the application due date of **Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Applicants should request a legibly dated postmark, or obtain a legibly dated receipt from the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier. Private metered postmarks shall **not** be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applicants can hand-deliver attachments to ODH, Grants Services Unit (GSU), via the front desk at 246 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio; but they must be delivered by **4:00 p.m.** on the application due date. Fax attachments will not be accepted. **GMIS applications and required application attachments received late will not be considered for review.**

S. Successful Applicants: Successful applicants will receive official notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NOA). The NOA, issued over the signature of the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, allows for expenditure of grant funds.

T. Unsuccessful Applicants: Within 30 days after a decision to disapprove or not fund a grant application, written notification, issued over the signature of the Director of Health, or his designee, shall be sent to the unsuccessful applicant.

U. Review Criteria: All proposals will be judged on the quality, clarity and completeness of the application. Applications will be judged according to the extent to which the proposal:

1. Contributes to the advancement and/or improvement of the health of Ohioans;
2. Is responsive to policy concerns and program objectives of the initiative/program/activity for which grant dollars are being made available;
3. Is well executed and is capable of attaining program objectives;
4. Describe Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic & Time-Phased (S.M.A.R.T.) objectives, activities, milestones and outcomes with respect to time-lines and resources;
5. Estimates reasonable cost to the ODH, considering the anticipated results;
6. Indicates that program personnel are well qualified by training and/or experience for their roles in the program and the applicant organization has adequate facilities and personnel;
7. Provides an evaluation plan, including a design for determining program success;
8. Is responsive to the special concerns and program priorities specified in the Solicitation;
9. Has demonstrated acceptable past performance in areas related to programmatic and financial stewardship of grant funds;
10. Has demonstrated compliance to OGAPP;
11. Explicitly identifies specific groups in the service area who experience a disproportionate burden of the diseases; health condition(s); or who are at an increased risk for problems addressed by this funding opportunity; and,
12. Describe activities which support the requirements outlined in sections I. thru M. of this Solicitation. ||

The ODH will make the final determination and selection of successful/unsuccessful applicants and reserves the right to reject any or all applications for any given Solicitations; **There will be no appeal of the Department's decision.**

V. Freedom of Information Act: The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.552) and the associated Public Information Regulations require the release of certain information regarding grants requested by any member of the public. The intended use of the information will not be a criterion for release. Grant applications and grant-related reports are generally available for inspection and copying except that information considered being an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy will not be disclosed. For guidance regarding specific funding sources, refer to: 45 CFR Part 5 for funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service. |

W. Ownership Copyright: Any work produced under this grant, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports, records, software, source code, or other media, shall become the property of ODH, which shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the work produced. If this grant is funded in whole, or in part, by the federal government, unless otherwise provided by the terms of that grant or by federal law, the federal funder also shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the work produced. No work produced under this grant shall include copyrighted matter without the prior written consent of the owner, except as may otherwise be allowed under federal law.

ODH must approve, in advance, the content of any work produced under this grant. All work must clearly state:

“This work is funded either in whole or in part by a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Health, [Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health], [PAMR Program] and as a sub-award of a grant issued by [The Ohio Department of Health] under the [Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program] grant.

This [project/publication/program/website] [is/was] supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$XX with xx percentage financed with nongovernmental sources. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CDC, HHS or the U.S. Government.”

- X. Reporting Requirements:** Successful applicants are required to submit Subrecipient program and expenditure reports. Reports must adhere to the requirements of the OGAPP manual. Reports must be received in accordance with the requirements of the OGAPP manual and this Solicitation; before the department will release any additional funds.

Note: Failure to ensure the quality of reporting by submitting incomplete and/or late program or expenditure reports will jeopardize the receipt of future agency payments.

Reports shall be submitted as follows:

- 1. Program Reports:** Subrecipients Program Reports must be completed and submitted via GMIS, as required by the subgrant program by the following dates: [November 10, 2020 (for the period of October 1 – 31, 2020), December 10, 2020 (for the period of November 1 – 30, 2020), January 10, 2021 (for the period of December 1 – 31, 2020), February 10, 2021 (for the period of January 1 – 31, 2021), March 10, 2021 (for the period of February 1 – 28, 2021), April 10, 2021 (for the period of March 1 – 31, 2021), May 10, 2021 (for the period of April 1 – 30, 2021), June 10, 2021 (for the period of May 1 – 31, 2021), July 10, 2021 (for the period of June 1 – 30, 2021), August 10, 2021 (for the period of July 1 – 31, 2021), September 10, 2021 (for the period of August 1 – 31, 2021), October 10, 2021 (for the period of September 1 – 29, 2021)]. Any paper non-Internet compatible report attachments must be submitted to GSU Central Master Files by the specific report due date. **Program Reports that do not include required attachments will not be approved.** All program report attachments must clearly identify the authorized program name and grant number.

Submission of Subrecipient Program Reports via GMIS indicates acceptance of the OGAPP.

Monthly program progress reports should include the following:

- Agency name, GMIS project #, program name, reporting period
- All objectives from agency-created work plan
- Status (completed, in progress, incomplete) of all activities from work plan
- Successes of reporting month for each objective
- Challenges of reporting month for each objective
- How barriers or challenges will be addressed or corrected
- Reports that do not include all required content will not qualify for payment.
- Monthly progress report templates must be approved by ODH and are subject to requested improvements or additional standardization throughout the grant year.

Quarterly program progress reports should include the following:

- This report reflects the monthly progress report, but with added reporting of outcome measures. The monthly progress report is not submitted when quarterly progress reports are submitted.

- The narrative portions should reflect the previous month, but the outcome measures should reflect the previous quarter (to coincide with the quarterly data report).
- Quarterly reporting dates defined in the RFP apply to the quarterly progress report
- Requirements of each quarterly progress report:
 - Subrecipient name, GMIS project #, program name, reporting period
 - All objectives from subrecipient created work plan
 - Status (completed, in progress, incomplete) of all activities from work plan
 - Successes of reporting month for each objective
 - Challenges of reporting month for each objective
 - How barriers or challenges will be addressed or corrected
 - Incentive and barrier removal documentation (See page 25 of this solicitation for requirements)
 - Outcome measures progress for each objective
 - Appropriate outcome measures should quantify productivity or effectiveness. The measurable variables by which attainment of objectives may be judged.
- Quarterly program progress report templates must be approved by ODH and are subject to requested improvements or additional standardization throughout the grant year.

Final report should include the following:

- Subrecipient name, GMIS project #, program name, reporting period
- Current (grant year to date) work plan update including:
 - Status and overview of all subrecipient work plan objectives, activities, and outcome measures
- **Data:**
 - An aggregate summary of all indicators included in the quarterly data report.
 - Comparison of data at program end to the baseline data:
 - Specific data and measures to be determined by subrecipient's proposed logic model, objectives, and evaluation plan. Proposed data and measures to be approved by ODH no later than 30 days after subrecipient receives NOA.
 - Program outcome data, including outcome data for all participants (if applicable)
 - Summary narratives of data findings
- Identification of program service areas
- Lessons learned from the project, including effectiveness of intervention in addressing SDOH that contribute to maternal morbidity/mortality and disparities in health outcomes
- Impact of providing incentives and/or barrier removals
- Program evaluation findings, including key evaluation questions (reference p. 24)
- Sustainability plan –Subrecipients are required to provide a written sustainability plan due January 10, 2021. The report is to demonstrate how services will be sustained following completion of this grant.
- ODH will provide final report template

Other reporting and participatory requirements during the grant year:

- Quarterly data report
 - Template to be provided by ODH
 - Any changes to the availability, accuracy, or timing of data must be reported to ODH as soon they become known, and must be updated on the data key

- Based on ODH need(s), there may be additional unexpected data requests throughout the grant year.
- Monthly calls – subrecipients will be required to participate in monthly calls with ODH. Call content includes, but is not limited to, ODH reporting, updates, and technical assistance.
- Based on ODH and subrecipient need(s), there may be changes to reporting requirements and other participatory requirements prior to the start of and/or during the grant year. In addition, there may be unexpected, additional reporting and/or participatory requirements throughout the grant year.

2. Subrecipient Reimbursement Expenditure Reports: Subrecipients can choose monthly or quarterly reimbursement (expenditure report submission) from ODH (please check the reimbursement type on the attached NOIAF). Please note that no changes can be made to the reimbursement type during the fiscal year once the project numbers have been established in GMIS. Subrecipient Monthly Reimbursement Expenditure Reports **must** be completed and submitted **via GMIS** by the following dates:

<i>Period</i>	<i>Report Due Date</i>
October 1 – 31, 2020	November 10, 2020
November 1-30, 2020	December 10, 2020
December 1-31, 2020	January 10, 2021
January 1-31, 2021	February 10, 2021
February 1-28, 2021	March 10, 2021
March 1-31, 2021	April 10, 2021
April 1 – 30, 2021	May 10, 2021
May 1 – 30, 2021	June 10, 2021
June 1 – 30, 2021	July 10, 2021
July 1-31, 2021	August 10, 2021
August 1-31, 2021	September 10, 2021
September 1-29, 2021	October 10, 2021

Subrecipient Quarterly Reimbursement Expenditure Reports **must** be completed and submitted **via GMIS** by the following dates: **(please see example below)**

<i>Period</i>	<i>Report Due Date</i>
October 1 – December 31, 2020	January 10, 2021
January 1 – March 31, 2021	April 10, 2021
April 1 – June 30, 2021	July 10, 2021
July 1-September 29, 2021	October 10, 2021

Note: Obligations not reported on the final monthly or 4th quarter expenditure report will not be considered for payment with the final expenditure report.

3. Final Expenditure Reports: A Subrecipient Final Expenditure Report reflecting total expenditures for the fiscal year must be completed and submitted **via GMIS by 4:00 p.m.** on or before (November 5, 2021). The information contained in this report must reflect the program’s accounting records and supportive documentation. Any cash balances must be returned with the Subrecipient Final Expense Report. The Subrecipient Final Expense Report serves as an invoice to return unused funds.

Submission of the Monthly/Quarterly and Final Subrecipient Expenditure reports via the GMIS system indicates acceptance of OGAPP. Clicking the “Approve” button signifies authorization of the submission by an agency official and constitutes electronic acknowledgment and acceptance of OGAPP rules and regulations.

Y. Special Condition(s): A Special Conditions link is available for viewing and responding to special conditions within GMIS. The 30 day time period, in which the subrecipient must respond to special conditions will begin when the link is viewable. Subsequent payments will be withheld until satisfactory responses to the special conditions or a plan describing how those special conditions will be satisfied is submitted in GMIS.

Z. Unallowable Costs: Funds **may not** be used for the following:

1. To advance political or religious points of view or for fund raising or lobbying;
2. To disseminate factually incorrect or deceitful information;
3. Consulting fees for salaried program personnel to perform activities related to grant objectives;
4. Bad debts of any kind;
5. Contributions to a contingency fund;
6. Entertainment;
7. Fines and penalties;
8. Membership fees -- unless related to the program and approved by ODH;
9. Interest or other financial payments (including but not limited to bank fees);
10. Contributions made by program personnel;
11. Costs to rent equipment or space owned by the funded agency;
12. Inpatient services;
13. The purchase or improvement of land; the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building;
14. Satisfying any requirement for the expenditure of non-federal funds as a condition for the receipt of federal funds;
15. Payments to any person for influencing or attempting to influence members of Congress or the Ohio General Assembly in connection with awarding of grants;
16. *Include any additional program specific unallowable costs per CFDA, program regulations and directives or state law specifications.*

Subrecipients will not receive payment from ODH grant funds used for prohibited purposes. ODH has the right to recover funds paid to Subrecipients for purposes later discovered to be prohibited.

AA. Audit: Subrecipients currently receiving funding from the ODH are responsible for submitting an independent audit report. Every subrecipient will fall into one of two categories which determine the type of audit documentation required.

Subrecipients that expend \$750,000 or more in federal awards per fiscal year are required to have a single audit which meets OMB’s Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements. The subrecipient must submit, a copy of the auditor’s management letter, a corrective action plan (if applicable) and a data collection form (for single audits) within 30 days of the receipt of the auditor’s report, but no later than nine months after the end of the Subrecipient’s fiscal year. The fair share of the cost of the single audit is an allowable cost to federal awards

provided that the audit was conducted in accordance with the requirements of OMB's Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements.

Subrecipients that expend less than the \$750,000 threshold require a financial audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. The Subrecipient must submit a copy of the audit report, the auditor's management letter, and a corrective action plan (if applicable) within 30 days of the receipt of the auditor's report, but no later than nine months after the end of the Subrecipient's fiscal year. **The financial audit is not an allowable cost to the program.**

Once an audit is completed, a copy must be sent to <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/> or to the ODH, Grants Services Unit, (GSU) within 30 days. Reference: OGAPP and OMB's Omni Circular Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements regarding Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations for additional audit requirements.

Subrecipient audit reports (finalized and published, and including the audit Management Letters, if applicable) **which include internal control findings, questioned costs or any other serious findings, must include a cover letter which:**

- Lists and highlights the applicable findings;
- Discloses the potential connection or effect (direct or indirect) of the findings on subgrants passed through the ODH; and,
- Summarizes a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address the findings. A copy of the CAP should be attached to the cover letter.

AB. Submission of Application

Formatting Requirements:

- Properly label each item of the application packet (e.g., Budget Narrative, Program Narrative).
- Each section should use 1.5 spacing with one-inch margins.
- Program and Budget Narratives must be submitted in portrait orientation on 8 ½ by 11 paper.
- Number all pages (print on one side only).
- Program Narrative should not exceed 20 pages (**excludes** appendices, attachments, budget and budget narrative).
- Use a 12 point font.
- Forms must be completed and submitted in the format provided by ODH

The GMIS application submission must consist of the following:

**Complete
& Submit
Via Internet**

1. Application Information
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Contacts
4. Budget
 - Primary Reason
 - Funding
 - Justification
 - Personnel
 - Other Direct Costs

- Equipment
 - Contracts
 - Compliance Section
 - Summary
5. Civil Rights Review Questionnaire
 6. Assurances Certification
 7. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting form
 8. Change request in writing on agency letterhead (**Existing agency with tax identification number, name and/or address change(s).**)
 9. Health Equity Module
 10. Public Health Impact Statement Summary (non-health department only)
 11. Statement of Support from the Local Health Districts (non-health department only)
 12. Attachments as required by Program |workplan and deliverables outputs and costs |

One copy of the following document(s) must be e-mailed to <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/> or mailed to the address listed below:

**Complete
Copy &
E-mail or
Mail to
ODH**

Current Independent Audit (latest completed organizational fiscal period; **only if not previously submitted**)

**Ohio Department of Health
Grants Services Unit
Central Master Files, 4th Floor
35 E. Chestnut Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT

GMIS access will be provided to an agency after it has completed the required ODH sponsored training. Agencies who have previously completed GMIS training will receive access after the Solicitation is posted to the ODH website.

All applications must be submitted via GMIS. Submission of all parts of the grant application via the ODH's GMIS system indicates acceptance of OGAPP. Submission of the application signifies authorization by an agency official and constitutes electronic acknowledgment and acceptance of OGAPP rules and regulations in lieu of an executed Signature Page document.

- A. Application Information:** Information on the applicant agency and its administrative staff must be accurately completed. This information will serve as the basis for necessary communication between the agency and the ODH.
- B. Budget:** Prior to completion of the budget section, please review page |16| of the Solicitation for unallowable costs. |

Match or Applicant Share is not required by this program. Do not include Match or

Applicant Share in the budget and/or the Applicant Share column of the Budget Summary. Only the narrative may be used to identify additional funding information from other resources.

- 1. Primary Reason and Justification Pages:** Provide a budget justification narrative outlining how the deliverable will be met. (A budget justification example can be found on GMIS).
- 2. Other Direct Costs:** Submit a budget for this section and the necessary form(s) to support costs for the period (October 1, 2020) to (September 29, 2020).

The applicant shall retain all original fully executed contracts on file.

- 3. Compliance Section:** Answer each question on this form in GMIS as accurately as possible. *Completion of the form ensures your agency's compliance with the administrative standards of ODH and federal grants.*

- C. Assurances Certification:** Each subrecipient must submit the Assurances (Federal and State Assurances for subrecipients) form within GMIS. This form is submitted as a part of each application via GMIS. The Assurances Certification sets forth standards of financial conduct relevant to receipt of grant funds and is provided for informational purposes. The listing is not all-inclusive and any omission of other statutes does not mean such statutes are not assimilated under this certification. Review the form and then press the "Complete" button. By submission of an application, the subrecipient agency agrees by electronic acknowledgment to the financial standards of conduct as stated therein.

D. Project Narrative:

- 1. Executive Summary:** Provide overview of the proposed activities to be funded by this solicitation. Identify the target population, services, initiatives, or programs to be offered, what agency or agencies will provide those services, and the burden of health disparities and health inequities on the target population. Describe the public health problem(s) that the program will address. Summarize goals and objectives of project. Use available data to justify the population of focus and geographic area to be served. |

- 2. Description of Applicant Agency/Documentation of Eligibility/Personnel:** Briefly discuss the applicant agency's eligibility to apply. Summarize the agency's structure as it relates to this program and, as the lead agency, how it will manage the program.

Describe the capacity of the organization, its personnel or contractors to communicate effectively and convey information in a manner that is easily understood by diverse audiences. This includes persons of limited English proficiency, those who are not literate, have low literacy skills, and individuals with disabilities.

Describe the applicant agency's experience and readiness to manage a project that improves maternal health outcomes and inequities in the population. Describe the educational, professional, and/or lived experiences of each team member and how it prepares them to successfully complete this work and specify the role they play on the team.

Note any personnel or equipment deficiencies that will need to be addressed in order to carry out this grant. Describe plans for hiring and training, as necessary. Include the relationship between agency staff members that will be working on this project. Include position descriptions.

Describe the capacity and readiness of the organization to address inequities in maternal health outcomes. Include capacity to sustain this work both during the project and following its completion. Explain team's experience and ability to engage with the target population, and how you will initiate and maintain buy-in from the target population and other necessary parties/organizations/agencies/etc. to complete the work proposed here.

- 3. Problem/Need:** Identify and describe the specific health status concern(s) of the target population that will be addressed by the program. Only restate national and state data if local data is not available. The specific health status concerns that the program intends to address may be stated in terms of health status (e.g., morbidity and/or mortality) or evidence-based indicators of maternal health (e.g., accessibility, availability, affordability, appropriateness of health services; see Figure 1). The indicators should be measurable in order to serve as baseline data upon which the evaluation will be based.

- Clearly identify the target population. Explicitly describe segments of the target population who experience a disproportionate burden for the health concern or issue; or who are at an increased risk for the problem addressed by this funding opportunity using data and census geography
- Describe the burden of poor maternal health outcomes in selected target population (geographically, racially, ethnically, etc.)
- Describe the prevalence of disability among the population selected. Explain how the needs of pregnant women who have disabilities will be addressed and included within the scope of this work.
- Explain overall health status of the community where disparate maternal health outcomes exist (geographically, racially, etc.)
- Include a description of other agencies/organizations, in your area also addressing this problem/need. Describe existing community initiatives, efforts, and organizations focused on improving maternal health and addressing racial/ethnic and/or geographic health disparities in maternal health.
- Describe how subrecipient's proposed project may collaborate, compliment, or uplift existing initiatives.
- Identify gaps that exist that have prevented reduction of racial/ethnic disparities in maternal health and how proposed project will fill these gaps.

4.

Methodology: [In narrative form include a methodology section that includes subsections related to:

•**Evidence-based practices:**

- Discuss the evidence that supports the proposed initiative/project and demonstrate effectiveness with your proposed target population. If evidence is limited, provide other information to support your proposal.

- Explicitly describe why and how your program will lead to improved maternal health and reduction of disparities in maternal health among your target population
- Clearly explain the determinants of health that your program will target to decrease disparities in maternal health

● **Recruitment:**

- Describe how the target audiences will be identified, recruited, engaged, and retained from identified geography or racial/ethnic group with known poor maternal health outcomes.
- Discuss whether participant information/data will be utilized and if Institutional Review Board approval will be required for this project. Include this process in the program timeline if required.

● **Data management capacity:**

- Describe plan for data collection. Specify measures or instruments to be used; describe current collection efforts and plans to expand (if applicable).
- Describe subrecipient's capacity for data management
- Describe methodology for data analysis to measure impact of interventions (if applicable).

● **Project Management and Evaluation:**

- Identify the program goals and SMART objectives. SMART objectives should align with deliverables set forth by ODH in this solicitation.
- Indicate how they will be evaluated to determine the level of success and impact of the program.
- Describe how program activities are designed to address evidence-based determinants of maternal health
- Subrecipients must submit a program activities **timeline, workplan, and logic model**. (Logic models must include inputs, activities, outputs, and (short-, intermediate-, and long-term) outcomes)
- Provide a detailed evaluation plan of the program that will be used to measure progress and evaluate impact of the program. Subrecipient should identify specific measures and evaluation methods that will be used to measure progress toward SMART objectives.
- Provide a draft of a sustainability plan for project. Final sustainability plan will be due to ODH on January 10, 2021.
- Key evaluation questions to be addressed by subrecipient:
 - What activities in the proposed initiative will help accomplish the long-term outcome of reducing disparities in maternal health? If activities have already been initiated, how successful have these activities been? Are there barriers to reaching short-, mid- and long-term outcomes?
 - Activities addressed must include at a minimum: outreach and engagement, collaborative partnerships, reaching the target population
 - How will program data be used to inform program design and implementation?

- Will your program address known drivers of inequities in your community?
- Identify at least 3 additional program-specific evaluation questions.

•Partnerships with key organizations:

○Explain if/how data will be shared with partner organizations to impact maternal health outcomes. Attention must be given to ensure work is not duplicative of the projects already being completed in the community of interest. Discuss how efforts will be coordinated and synergized with other partners working in the maternal health space. Potential partners may include but are not limited to:

- Local Health Departments
- County Job and Family Services Offices
- Local Housing Authority
- Local Transportation Authority
- Local Centers for Independent Living
- Local Home Visiting Authority
- Local Hospital System/Council
- Representative from Business Community/Chamber of Commerce
- Representative from Community
- Local Elected Official

•Other Application Requirements:

- Budget justification
- Work plan (using appendix B2 as guide)
- Deliverables Output and Costs Guide (using appendix B3 as guide)
- Barrier removal and incentive documents (if applicable).
 - Reference below for requirements.

•Incentives and barrier removals:

- If not requesting incentives and/or barrier removals, describe reason(s).
- Incentives:
 - Allowable incentives include gift cards, diapers, and baby wipes
 - If requesting incentives, please describe:
 - Total funding amount requested to support all incentives
 - Type(s) of incentive(s). (Ex. gift card, diapers, etc.)
 - Justification demonstrating that the total budgeted amount of proposed incentives is reasonable
 - Limits or allowances provided to each participant
 - Specific evidence demonstrating that participation is unlikely without incentives
 - Impact if incentives are not used
- Minimum tracking requirements for incentives:
 - List of all incentives, including gas/gift cards
 - Recipients of incentives must sign a statement acknowledging the receipt of the incentive and agreeing to the purpose(s) of the incentive.

- Subrecipients are required to maintain a log of all client incentives and enablers purchased and distributed.
- Gift/gas cards - log must contain the card number, date given, client name, signature and name of staff providing incentive
- Barrier removals:
 - Supported barrier removals should be a local last resort. All other available resources should be sought and expended prior to utilizing these funds for barrier removals.
 - Allowable barrier removals include and are limited to: gas cards, transportation assistance, utility assistance, housing rental assistance. Additional barrier removals that support access to prenatal, postpartum, and infant care must receive prior approval from ODH.
 - If requesting barrier removals, please describe: Within each of the selected Healthy People 2020 domains, define subcategories and detail the specific forms barrier removals. (Ex. Transportation: bus passes, gas cards, ride share vouchers, etc.)
 - Requested barrier removals should be organized in accordance with the Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) five key areas of social determinants of health: economic stability, education, social and community context, health and health care and neighborhood and built environment. Each of these five domains reflects a number of key issues that make up the underlying factors in the arena of SDOH.
 - The proposed barrier removal in each domain must be clearly defined.
 - Ex. Transportation assistance will be insufficient. An applicant must describe the exact methods of proposed transportation assistance for approval by ODH. The same concept applies to housing assistance. ODH must clearly know and approve what form of assistance will be provided for all proposed barrier removals.
- Provide the estimated total amount of each proposed barrier removal domain
- Goals, impacts, and needs of providing barrier removals
- If the same type of barrier removal assistance is expected to be provided more than once per individual (e.g., rent, etc.), describe how sustainability for the recipient will be ensured once no longer receiving assistance
- Limits or allowances provided to each participant
- How barrier removals will be used to fill gaps in services provided by other agencies
- Total funding amount requested to support all barrier removals.
- Justification demonstrating that the total budgeted amount of proposed barrier removals is reasonable
- Describe the internal process for documenting clients' needs and the corresponding barrier removal
 - Information provided in the application should include the local policy or procedure used to ensure the validation of the need and corresponding barrier removal
 - Ex. Rental assistance: How is the applicant validating the need for rental assistance? How is the applicant ensuring rental assistance is applied to a fair rental price and is being paid to an appropriate party?

procedure used to ensure the validation of the need and corresponding barrier removal.

- Minimum tracking requirements for barrier removals:
 - Recipients of barrier removals must sign a statement acknowledging the receipt of the barrier removal and agreeing to the purpose(s) of the barrier removal
 - Subrecipients are required to maintain a log of all client barrier removals purchased and distributed. • Must include date provided, client name, amount of barrier removal, barrier removal provided (e.g., rent, utility assistance, etc)., signature and name of staff providing barrier removal
 - Gift/gas cards – log must include above information in addition to card number |

E. Civil Rights Review Questionnaire - EEO Survey: The Civil Rights Review Questionnaire Survey is a part of the Application Section of GMIS. Subrecipients must complete the questionnaire as part of the application process. This questionnaire is submitted automatically with each application via the Internet.

F. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA): All applicants applying for ODH grant funds are required to complete the FFATA reporting form in GMIS. Applicants must ensure that the information contained in SAM.gov, DUN & Bradstreet and the FFATA reporting form match. ODH will hold all payments if an applicant's information does not successfully upload into the federal system.

All applicants for ODH grants are required to obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS), register in SAM.gov and submit the information in the grant application. For information about the DUNS, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. For information about System for Award Management (SAM) go to www.sam.gov.

Information on Federal Spending Transparency can be located at www.USAspending.gov or the Office of Management and Budget's website for Federal Spending Transparency at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/open.

(Required by all applicants, the FFATA form is located on the GMIS Application page and must be completed in order to submit the application.)

G. Public Health Impact: Applicants that are not local health departments are to attach in GMIS the statement(s) of support from the local health district(s) regarding the impact of your proposed grant activities on the PHAB Standards. If a statement of support from the local health districts is not available, indicate that and submit a copy of the program summary that your agency forwarded to the local health district(s).

H. Attachment(s): Attachments are documents which are not part of the standard GMIS application but are deemed necessary to a given grant program. All attachments must clearly identify the authorized program name and program number. All attachments submitted to GMIS must be attached in the "Project Narratives" section and be in one of the following formats: PDF, Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel. Please see the GMIS bulletin board for instructions on how to submit attachments in GMIS. Attachments that are non-Internet

compatible must be postmarked or received on or before the application due date. An original and the required number of copies of non-Internet compatible attachments must be mailed to the ODH, Grants Services Unit, Central Master Files address by **4:00 p.m. on or before (August 10, 2020)**.

A minimum of an original and the indicated number of copies of non-Internet attachments are required. If program requires more copies, then insert the appropriate number.

III. APPENDICES

- A.** Notice of Intent to Apply For Funding
- B.** GMIS Training Form
- C.** C1 Deliverable – Objective Descriptions (if applicable)
C2 Deliverable – Objective Allocations (if applicable)
- D.** Application Review Form
- E.** Workplan Template and Guidance
- F.** Deliverables Output and Costs Guide
- G.** Phase 1 Subgrant Flexibility Due to COVID-19

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Ohio Department of Health
Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health

**Submission
Required**

See Due Date Below

Reimbursement Type Select one of the options below: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly OR <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
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ODH Program Title:
Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program
ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE COMPLETED.

County of Applicant Agency _____ Federal Tax Identification Number _____

NOTE: The applicant agency/organization name must be the same as that on the IRS letter. This is the legal name by which the tax identification number is assigned.

Type of Applicant Agency (Check One) County Agency Hospital Local Schools
 City Agency Higher Education Not-for Profit

Applicant Agency/Organization _____

Applicant Agency Address _____

Agency Contact Person Name and Title _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Agency Head (Print Name) _____ Agency Head (Signature) _____

Please note that the agency head listed above must match the agency head listed in GMIS. Unless a new agency, NOIAF's will not be accepted if name doesn't match what is listed in GMIS. If the agency head needs updated in GMIS, please include a letter on agency letterhead outlining the change. The new agency head's signature will be accepted with receipt of the update letter.

Does your agency have at least two staff members who have been trained in and currently have access to the ODH GMIS system? YES NO

If yes, no further action is needed.

If no, at least two people from your agency are **REQUIRED** to complete the training before you will be able to access the ODH GMIS system and submit a grant proposal. Complete the GMIS training request form in the Request for Proposal.

The NOIAF must be accompanied by the agency's Proof of Non-Profit status (if applicable); Proof of Liability Coverage (if applicable); Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9), Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments Form (EFT), (New Agency Only) Vendor Information Form. These forms are located on the Ohio Department of Administrative Services website at: <http://ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/Forms.aspx>. You can also access these forms at the following websites:

- Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9), <http://ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/Forms.aspx>
- Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments Form (EFT) http://www.ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/doc/EFT_Payment_Authorization_OBM4310.pdf
- Supplier Information Form http://www.ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/doc/Supplier_Information_Form_OBM5657.pdf

Forms are only required for NEW AGENCIES or if UPDATES are needed for current agencies. ODH will forward the forms to Ohio Shared Services. FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 13, 2020.

Mail, E-mail: Reena Oza-Frank, Data and Surveillance Administrator, Reena.Oza-Frank@odh.ohio.gov
Ohio Department of Health Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review
246 North High Street – 3rd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
E-mail: TReena.Oza-Frank@odh.ohio.gov

NOTE: NOIAF's will be considered late if any of the required forms listed above are not received by NEW AGENCIES by the due date. NOIAF's considered late will not be accepted.

GMIS Training, User Access, Access Change or Deactivation Request

One request per person. Requests will only be honored when signed by your **Agency Head** or **Agency Financial Head** and complete. In addition, if a user leaves your agency, you are to notify ODH so that their account is rendered inactive and submit a form for the replacement. The user will receive his/her username and password via e-mail once the request is processed. *Please note: GMIS Training is only required for New Agencies to ODH. If you are new to your agency someone there should train you. Refresher guides can be found on the ODH web site: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/about/grants/grants.aspx> ODH Grants Page - "GMIS Training Resource" Section.* Confirmation of your GMIS training session will be e-mailed once a date has been assigned by ODH. Also use this form when user changes are needed.

Date: _____

Check the type of access and complete the information requested: Employee - needs GMIS Training

New Employee - needs GMIS Access. Effective Date of Activation: _____

Existing Employee - New GMIS User or GMIS User Access Change. Effective/Change Date:

Deactivation - User no longer needs access to ODH Application Gateway/GMIS 2.0 or GMIS 2.0 only:

Effective Date of Deactivation (ODH Application Gateway/GMIS 2.0): _____

Or Effective Date of Deactivation (GMIS 2.0 access only): _____

Agency Name & Address: _____

Employee Name (no nicknames):

Employee Job Title:

Employee Office Phone Number:

Employee Office Fax Number:

Employee Office Email Address:

User Access Section: Please check all that applies and enter requested information:

Email Notifications: Yes No

GMIS Project Number(s) user needs access to: _____

Authorization Signature for User Access/Change/Deactivation:

Signature of Agency Head or Agency Financial Head

Printed Name of Agency Head or Agency Financial Head

To be completed by Grants System Officer ONLY - Date Received:

Date Processed:

Deliver Requests to Karen Tinsley, Grants System Officer, 614-644-7546

Mail: ODH/OFA, 35 E. Chestnut St., 4th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 Or

Scan & Email: karen.tinsley@odh.ohio.gov

Name of Subgrant Program: Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program

Budget Period: October 1, 2020 -September 29, 2021

of Deliverables: 4

Use Budget Justification Scenario#: 1

Base and Deliverables

X Deliverables Only

Deliverable – Objective 1: Grant Administration

By September 29, 2021, grantee will complete all administrative tasks and report necessary project progress, data, and updates to ODH.

- Applicant must include the following details in their justification of how their organizations and the proposed activities, initiatives, or projects in their application will meet the following four overall deliverables. Applicant should refer to previous sections of this competitive solicitation for specific requirements of program activities and reporting.
- List deliverables, objectives and activities to be completed to achieve each deliverable and total cost for each deliverable. Must include incentives and barrier removals if applicable.
- Submit final work plan, logic model (including SMART objectives), timeline, and evaluation plan to ODH no later than 30 days after NOA. Must include details outlined on pages (20-24) of this solicitation.
- Submit written monthly progress reports to ODH detailing work activities with a focus on key accomplishments and issues related to achieving key milestones and deliverables. Template to be provided by ODH. Must include details outlined on pages (13-15) of this solicitation.
- Participate in meetings via conference call at least every 4 weeks with ODH to discuss progress. Conference calls may occur more frequently as determined by subrecipient and ODH.
- Submit quarterly data reports. Reporting periods to reflect quarterly expenditure report periods (p. 15 of this solicitation). Template to be provided by ODH. Must include details outlined on pages (13-15) of this solicitation.
- Submit final report detailing project milestones, accomplishments, outcomes, evaluation results, and findings. Template to be provided by ODH. Must include details outlined on pages (13-15) of this solicitation.

Deliverable – Objective 2: Program Planning

By November 29, 2020, grantee will develop and plan an evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.

- Applicant must include the following details in their justification of how their organizations and the proposed activities, initiatives, or projects in their application will meet the following four overall deliverables. Applicant should refer to previous sections of this competitive solicitation for specific requirements of program activities and reporting.
- Explicitly list objectives and activities subrecipient will complete to successfully accomplish this deliverable. Specific activities to meet this deliverable will be based on approved workplan activities.
- List objectives and total cost for each objective. If incentives or barrier removals are used, they must be explicitly reported.

Deliverable – Objective 3: Implementation and Evaluation

By September 29, 2021, grantee will implement and evaluate an evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.

- Applicant must include the following details in their justification of how their organizations and the proposed activities, initiatives, or projects in their application will meet the following four overall deliverables. Applicant should refer to previous sections of this competitive solicitation for specific requirements of program activities and reporting.
- Explicitly list objectives and activities subrecipient will complete to successfully accomplish this deliverable. Specific activities to meet this deliverable will be based on approved workplan activities.
- List objectives and total cost for each objective. If incentives or barrier removals are used, they must be explicitly reported.

Deliverable – Objective 4: Sustainability Plan and Dissemination

By September 29, 2021, grantee will develop a sustainability plan and disseminate results of the implemented evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.

- Applicant must include the following details in their justification of how their organizations and the proposed activities, initiatives, or projects in their application will meet the following four overall deliverables. Applicant should refer to previous sections of this competitive solicitation for specific requirements of program activities and reporting.
- Explicitly list objectives and activities subrecipient will complete to successfully accomplish this deliverable. Specific activities to meet this deliverable will be based on approved workplan activities.
- List objectives and total cost for each objective. If incentives or barrier removals are used, they must be explicitly reported.

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Base and Deliverables
 Deliverables Only

Deliverable 1	Deliverable Name	Award Amount
1	Grant Administration	\$11,167.00
2	Program Planning	\$12,000.00
3	Implementation and Evaluation	\$12,000.00
4	Sustainability Plan and Dissemination	\$12,000.00
		\$47,167.00

Disparities in Maternal Health Community Grant Program Ohio Department of Health

SFY 2021 Application Review Form

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____ Agency: _____ Funding: _____

Only those applicants that score above 70% will be considered for funding.

Project Narrative 10 points possible

Applications to be scored based on the extent that the applicant agency provided a summary of the purpose, methodology, and evaluation plan for this project. Narrative included the following: public health problems that this project will address; priority population; services and programs to be offered; and agency/agencies providing the services.

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Score		Comments/Special Conditions
/2	The Executive Summary provided the target population, services and programs to be offered and what agency or agencies will provide those services, burden of health disparities and health inequities. The summary described the public health problem(s) that the program will address. Explicitly describes goals and objectives of project and uses available data to justify the population of focus (geographically/racially/ethnically).	
/2	Program narrative described applicant agency and agency(ies) that will provide services. Applicant agency demonstrated that they meet all requirements as specified in this solicitation. Applicant described agency's ability to successfully complete work outlined in application (Including but not limited to experience with target population, ability to successfully engage with and elicit buy-in from target population, ability to complete deliverable due dates, experience completing projects similar in size and scope as proposed)	
/2	Program narrative thoroughly described public health problems that this project will address. The specific health status concerns that the program intends to address may be stated in terms of health status (e.g., morbidity and/or mortality) or indicators of maternal health (e.g., accessibility, availability, affordability, appropriateness of health services).	
/2	Program narrative identified the priority population and explicitly	

	described segments of the target population who experience a disproportionate burden of the health status concern. Applicant supports the selection of their target population using data.	
/2	Program narrative detailed services and programs to be offered. Applicant describes available evidence of effectiveness or other literature that justifies selected services.	
Subtotal Score: /10		Overall Comments/Special Conditions:

Program Plan 80 points possible

The completed Program Plan should be scored based on the extent that the applicant identified program objectives and the strategies and activities to accomplish stated objectives. The applicant identified how the strategies and activities will be evaluated to determine whether or not the objectives are being met and the tracking and reporting mechanism for program outcome measures. (Refer to Appendix B of this solicitation)

Program Planning and Evaluation		
Score		Comments/Special Conditions
/20	Described detailed implementation including project set up, initiation, planning, implementation, workplan, logic model, deliverables, SMART objectives, goals (including but not limited recruitment, identification of measures, data collection and tracking, short- and long-term evaluation plans, potential barriers to obtaining measures, and monitoring plan). Applicant clearly indicated the determinants of maternal health that the program is targeting and explicitly describes how the proposed program will lead to a reduction in maternal health disparities. Program plan is evidence-based and based off sound logic that will lead to successful completion of solicitation deliverables.	

Target Population		
Score		Comments/Special Conditions
/20	Provided detailed description of identification, recruitment, and evaluation methods. Included explanation of why those methods were chosen. Provides evidence that subrecipient can	

	and will successfully initiate and/or maintain engagement with the target population.	
Administrative Responsibilities		
Score		Comments/Special Conditions
/20	Provided detailed description of ability to submit progress reports and invoices monthly [ex. reporting schedule], participate in conference calls, project management, administrative, and fiscal needs, IRB submission (if applicable), and plan to maintain data collection/analysis. Subrecipient provides evidence of capacity to evaluate program progress and impact, including specifically listing data measures and indicators that will be collected throughout the grant year.	

Budget Narrative 10 points possible

Applications to be scored based on the extent that the applicant agency provided a budget justification outlining each deliverable and cost of each deliverable. Refer to Section II. B. of the RFS)

Score		Comments/Special Conditions
/1	Specified the total project budget.	
9/	Budget Narrative: Provided a budget justification narrative outlining each deliverable and the cost of total cost of each deliverable.	
Subtotal Score: /10		Overall Comments/Special Conditions:

Total Score: /100

Total Number of Special Conditions:

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Workplan Template and Guidance

The template provided is not required to be used, but all components provided in the template must be in the subrecipient work plan.

Goal 1: General, big-picture statement of an outcome a program intends to accomplish to fulfill its mission; desired outcome is clear					
Objectives	Activities	Timeline	Agency or Person Responsible	Outcome Measures	Data Sources
Objective 1: Big-steps program will take to attain its goal, or steps towards overall goal Objectives should be written in SMART – Specific (who, what, where) Measurable (how many) Achievable – (attainable) Realistic – (can be attained) Timeframe – (when will they occur by?)	What a program does, or its specific tasks, to meet objectives and ultimately fulfill goals	Specific dates for each activity	Identifies what agency or person is responsible for the listed activities	Standard a program sets for itself to measure progress in achieving goals	Data collected and sources used to measure success
Objective 2: Repeat the above content for all objectives					
Objective 3: Repeat the above content for all objectives					
Repeat process for each goal.					
Reference: https://www.cdc.gov/eval/tools/programmanagement/index.html					

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Deliverables Outputs and Costs Guide

Provide the objectives under each deliverable, measurable output, unit, cost/unit, total cost/objective, and due date. This should match the deliverables and activities listed in appendix C1. If a deliverable is not applicable, indicate this (do not delete from chart). Add lines under deliverables as needed.

For each deliverable, a mechanism of validation must be determined by the subgrantee and approved by ODH. The form of validation determined by the subgrantee must authenticate and confirm completion of the identified deliverable. (Examples: deidentified list of participants served, event agenda, materials and/or sign-in sheet, signed partnership agreement, etc.) The documentation will be submitted with the expenditure report in which payment is requested and will be used by ODH staff member to validate completion of deliverable and approve reimbursement

Failure to provide appropriate documentation, including the submission of validation documentation outside of what has been pre-approved by ODH, may result in a delay or denial of payment.

Deliverable 1: By September 29, 2021, grantee will complete all administrative tasks and report necessary project progress, data, and updated ODH.					
Objective	Measurable Output(s)	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Objectives	Due Date
Objective A (Write objective description here)					
Objective B (Write objective description here)					
Deliverable 2: By November 29, 2020, grantee will develop and plan an evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.					
Objective	Measurable Output(s)	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Objectives	Due Date
Objective A (Write objective description here)					
Objective B (Write objective description here)					

Deliverable 3: By September 29, 2021, grantee will implement and evaluate an evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.

Objective	Measurable Output(s)	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Objectives	Due Date
Objective A (Write objective description here)					
Objective B (Write objective description here)					

Deliverable 4: By September 29, 2021, grantee will develop a sustainability plan and disseminate results of the implemented evidence-based initiative focused around decreasing health disparities at the community level.

Objective	Measurable Output(s)	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Objectives	Due Date
Objective A (Write objective description here)					
Objective B (Write objective description here)					

Phase 1 Subgrant Flexibility Due to COVID-19 Guidance

To: Ohio Department of Health Subrecipients

From: Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, Director

ODH understands that subrecipient workloads have been impacted by COVID-19. ODH staff have met to develop a list of administrative items that can be temporarily scaled back or postponed due to the COVID-19 response. Our goal is to provide some administrative relief as subrecipients continue their COVID-19 efforts.

Subgrant Applications:

1. Only require a workplan and budget justification unless there are federally mandated forms that must be submitted.