

## GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

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## Category of Request

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New Grant

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Project/Program Title: Healthy Wisconsin Families American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State & Local Recovery Funds (SLRF)Grantor Agency: Meta House via Interagency Agreement - Board of Regents of the Univ. of Wisconsin System-UW School of Medicine & Public Health and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)Grant Application Date: 5/30/2023Anticipated Award Date: 10/01/2023

## 1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health is committed to improving health and advancing health equity in Wisconsin and continues to be deeply invested in supporting initiatives to address Wisconsin's significant disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes. The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) has received resources to lead a new competitive grant program funded by the U.S. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to advance maternal and infant health equity, particularly focusing on efforts that lessen the COVID-19 pandemic impacts.

The Subgrantor's Specific Project priority is: *Transformation of the maternity and/or infant care health care environment through infrastructure investments to build a supportive person-centered or family-centered environment. Investments could include (but are not limited to) the following:*

- *community-aligned labor and delivery areas*
- *meeting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) "Birthing-Friendly" updated hospital designation*
- *integrating free standing birth centers*
- *pregnancy medical home implementation*
- *group prenatal care*
- **substance use treatment and services**
- *facilitating NICU parent needs and the critical ability to bond with baby*

Meta House's mission is to "end the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families" and has been serving the public in such capacity since 1963. Meta House is one of the few truly family-centered substance use disorder treatment providers in the state of Wisconsin that can accommodate pregnant and postpartum women. They regularly serve women experiencing high risk pregnancies. Many of the services they provide support clientele that suffer from health disparities exacerbated by systemic racism, an issue the City of Milwaukee declared a public health crisis in 2019.

For several years, Meta House has collaborated with the BOMB Doula Program in numerous ways including mutual referrals, resource sharing, and partnering on collective impact opportunities. The goal of this grant is to deepen and build our collaboration. Meta House is committed to continuing their existing efforts with BOMB. BOMB Doulas are committed to providing designated time and staff to receive training in trauma-informed care, SUD and co-occurring mental health conditions to enhance their provision of care to Meta House clients and ultimately foster positive health outcomes for birthing people and their infants. Through our partnership, Meta House would also participate in relevant committees to advance the goals and objectives of the grant opportunity. The partnering agencies will share ideas, quality of care standards, and/or best practices relevant to their respective collaboration with Meta House under the Grant and in furtherance of removing barriers for pregnant and parenting people and infants seeking services and supports.

## 2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

Infant mortality is a pervasive issue with the City of Milwaukee – impacting specific zip codes and BIPOC populations the most. The City of Milwaukee has a specific focus on curtailing the infant mortality crisis in conjunction with its declaration of racism as a public health crisis in 2019. The BOMB Doula program was created as a result of this declaration and is built to target the specific gaps in cares for BIPOC birthing persons; particularly Black mothers and babies as they are 3x more likely to die or suffer poor birth outcomes than any other race. The Health Department's Community Health Assessment identifies Maternal and Child Health as one of its top three priorities of strategic focus. Lastly, this kind of work bridges the program into the Public Health 3.0 modality of MHD's strategic plan – becoming the informants of practice and drivers of evidence-based service in the community.

Milwaukee County, specifically the City of Milwaukee has been seeing an increase in overdose deaths attributed to heroin and opioid usage. MHD has been involved in substance misuse and injury prevention which correlates with the work Meta House provides to the public. This subcontract will help bridge several of MHD's public health focuses – infant mortality and substance misuse.

## 3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

With this subcontract we are supporting Meta House's work with pregnant and parenting people with substance misuse issues in tandem with our work around infant mortality and maternal morbidity.

This grant affords the BOMB Doula Program to partner with Meta House and create strategic and intentional service provision to the targeted demographic. Meta House's expansion of their residential services for pregnant and parenting people with substance misuse issues directly connects to the work BOMB provides in supporting healthy birth outcomes. Pregnant and parenting people struggling with addiction are at incredibly high risk of adverse effects to their physical, mental and emotional well being; moreover at risk of severe harm or death without proper support and interventions. BOMB will be able to align efforts with Meta House in preparation for their expansion of treatment service capacity and be change agents/informants of best practice for pregnant and parenting people's cares.

This funding supports funds towards professional development of entire BOMB team and some operational funds for client supplies for families referred from Meta House to BOMB.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

As the subgrantees of this grant, BOMB agrees to:

- a. Collaborate with Meta House and other community partners (as may be appropriate) to serve mutual clients and identify ways to remove barriers and improve health outcomes for the same including sharing of information related to services for specific clients when appropriate releases/consents are in place to protect client confidentiality.
- b. Provide referrals to and receive referrals from Meta House as may be appropriate.
- c. Participate in quarterly Partnership Committee meetings to share ideas, quality of care standards, and/or best practices relevant to Subgrantee's respective collaboration with Meta House under the Grant and in furtherance of removing barriers for PPW and infants seeking services and supports.
- d. Participate in cross-organization training as may be relevant or required to facilitate collaboration and cooperation.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:

10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

MHD is the subgrantee for this grant.

7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.

See attachment